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OFFICIAL VIEWS
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NOTICES FOR 1930

A TRUNK LINE TO CANTON?

Official views on the change from manual to automatic as the basis of the local service were expressed to-day at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., held in the company's registered office, Exchange-building, when subscribers were exhorted to pay careful attention to notices which will be issued from time to time. A reference to the possibilities of a trunk line to Canton was also made.

Mr. J. Scott Harston (chairman) presided. He was supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. R. G. Shaw, Mr. T. G. Weill, Mr. D. H. Binko, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing director), Mr. J. P. Sherry (manager), Mr. T. A. Barry (acting secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs.—E. M. Raymond, H. H. H. Priestley, J. E. Joseph, F. M. Ellis.

Auditors' Report
The chairman's review was presented as follows:—

The report of your Directors and statement of accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 1928, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure, and take them as read.

The auditors' report is as follows:—

"We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1928, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, as at December 31, 1928, according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.—Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, Auditors, Hong Kong, January 30, 1929."

Queen's Road Property
Turning to the accounts, you will observe that the profit for the year under review amounted to \$260,904.96 as compared with \$220,990.50 for the preceding year, and is arrived at after deducting \$168,574.50 for depreciation; \$31,648.00 for payment to Government of royalties, as provided for under the terms of the Telephone Ordinance, \$5,527.88 for writing off the balance of preliminary expenses, \$679.80 for writing off bad debts; and \$4,648.54 for writing off the loss on the sale of our Queen's Road property. Depreciation is higher this year by \$14,385.92, but you will observe that substantial additions have been made to capital plant so that depreciation has, therefore, to be allowed on the increased value of such plant.

Royalties continue to form an increasing sum each year, being \$2,637 more than for the preceding year, and the difference in the amounts payable from year to year on this account is an index of the extension of your business from which the Government benefits with your Company.

You will notice that bad debts have decreased to a very low figure, being \$1,055.16 less than for the previous year and represent only a little over .05 per cent. on the gross turnover. This satisfactory result amply justifies the institution of the system of deposits to which I referred on two previous occasions from the Chair. Your Board decided that, commencing on July 1, 1928, interest should be allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on all deposits of \$50 or more, provided same are held for a period of not less than six months.

Referring to the item of \$4,648.54, representing a loss on the sale of your Queen's Road property, your Directors received, during the year under review, an offer of purchase and after careful consideration decided to accept same, subject to your Company being left in undisturbed possession of that portion of the building then in use for exchange purposes, but which will ultimately be vacated when the new automatic plant is brought into operation. The purchase price was at the rate of \$80 per square foot, and the re-

KING WALKS ROUND HIS BEDROOM

STILL VERY WEAK

UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL GO
OUT MEANWHILE

THE "LANCET'S" VIEWS.

London, Yesterday.
It is officially stated at Craigwell House, Bognor, that the King passed a good day. The sun shone brilliantly throughout the day and the King was able to spend many hours in the morning and afternoon sitting at an open window.

Dr. Hewitt came down from London during the afternoon and applied the luminous ray treatment. It is learned that the King walked round his bedroom yesterday with the aid of a stick and with a nurse at his side.

His Majesty is still extremely weak and despite the good weather, which has set in, it is unlikely that he will be moved out of the House.—British Wireless Service.

Medical Press Comment.

The "Lancet," commenting on the King's progress, says the improvement which has not been slower than anticipated, should gather speed as he progresses and "evidently a good deal of ground has been gained since His Majesty reached the South coast."—Reuter.

Receipts from this sale are reflected in the cash position of your Company, which, I think shareholders will agree, is highly satisfactory. There remains a balance of purchase money amounting to \$56,376, which does not become due for payment to us until we hand over to the purchaser (the National City Bank of New York) the remaining portion of the property which we now occupy.

In completing this sale, your Directors were actuated by a desire to augment your Company's cash resources in view of the heavy payments which become due from time to time against shipment of the new automatic plant. The small loss on this sale represents the residual value of the old building, which did not hold any value for the purchaser.

I am confident you will endorse your Directors' action in the matter of the disposal of this property, particularly having regard to the fact that prospective purchasers for a valuable site of this nature at a price at which your Company would be prepared to sell, are few.

Unissued Shares

For the same reason as actuated your Directors in disposing of your Queen's Road property, namely, to finance the new automatic installation, it was considered desirable to issue the balance of the unissued shares of your Company during the year and these were offered to the holders of partly paid shares in the ratio of one new share at par for every two old shares, the balance, i.e., 46,440, being offered to the holders of the 140,000 fully paid shares which were issued in part satisfaction of the purchase price at which your Company took over the business in July, 1925.

You will observe from the balance sheet that 150,837 shares out of a total of 150,960 issued have been allotted, thus leaving 123 shares unallotted as at December 31, 1928. The shares allotted rank for dividend as from January 1, 1929, so that earnings will require to be substantially increased during the next financial year to meet this.

It should also be remembered that on the change-over to automatic working the old magneto exchange plant, instrument equipment and magneto stores will require to be entirely written off, and although the latter are of full utility whilst the old system is in being, they become entirely useless from the moment the new system becomes operative. Your Directors thought it desirable, therefore, to commence to make provision for this during the financial year under review, and I am confident that shareholders will fully concur in this policy.

Improved Service

During the year under review, your Company has continued its policy of proceeding as quickly as possible in all directions with work which will tend to maintain and extend the improved service which has been afforded to subscribers. This has included, inter alia, the putting down of new conductors and the laying of an extensive network of underground cables, which, besides allowing for overhead lines to be

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LADY STOWAWAY IN COURT

FREQUENT OFFENCE

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
IN SHANGHAI

LADY PASSENGER'S INTEREST

Miss Louisa Gerard (24), described as of New York, was this morning charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy with having arrived in the Colony on board the Canadian Pacific R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," from Shanghai, without a passage ticket, or the permission or consent of the owners of the vessel.

Sub-inspector Elston, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that Miss Gerard was found on the "Empress," soon after the ship had left Shanghai. She had previously come to Hong Kong in December, 1925, by stowing away on a Butterfield and Swire boat. On this occasion, as it was found that the officers of the ship were not entirely blameless, Miss Gerard was put back on the ship which took her to Canton.

In 1927 Miss Gerard was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide in Shanghai and when she was charged in Court there the prosecution stated that she had stowed away to Hong Kong no fewer than eight occasions.

Remand Requested

Proceeding, the Inspector said that he understood from Mr. Proctor of the Shipping Company that a lady passenger on the "Empress of Russia" had interested herself in Miss Gerard and had promised to help her. That lady was not present in Court, however, and in the circumstances, the Inspector asked for an adjournment of the case until to-morrow in order to see what the lady proposed to do for the girl.

The Inspector added that although Miss Gerard claimed to be American, her nationality was doubtful. She was to go to interview the American Consul that day.

His Worship gave a remand in custody until to-morrow.

TERROR OF FAMINE

APPALLING CONDITIONS IN
SHENSI

WHOLE VILLAGES HUNGRY

Peking, Yesterday.
The China International Famine Relief Commission's foreign investigator, Mr. E. H. Oliver, transmits to Peking a report of the appalling conditions in the area in Shensi between the Yellow River bend and Sianfu.

At one point he discovered 200 villagers huddled in a cave, without food, afflicted with terrible eye sickness, awaiting death.

Mr. Oliver found whole villages without one pound of grain left. The villagers were grinding up dried grasses to powder, to make a kind of horrible porridge.

Nowhere has winter grain been sown, hence there will be no spring harvest.

Families' Suicide

In one hsiang, 70,000 out of a population of 120,000 were completely destitute of food and its substitutes. The remainder of the people got very little.

The local gentry are doing their best with gruel kitchens, but this is merely a drop in the bucket. The same applies to the amount of grain the Government has so far sent to this area.

At Sanyuan, Mr. Oliver found a mob of several thousand, maddened by hunger, threatening to loot the city unless fed. The people everywhere were desperate. In one hsiang a hundred families had committed suicide rather than continue to suffer.

Whole tracts of land could be purchased for one meal. Hardly a draft animal was to be seen anywhere, all having been eaten.—Reuter.

Nanking, Yesterday.—Mr. Hau Mo, chief of the European and American Affairs Committee of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for Kiangsu province in succession to Mr. Wu Z. King, who has been appointed Minister to the Netherlands.—Reuter.

It is understood that Dr. W. H. Harris, of New College, Oxford, will become the organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

HUNAN COUP D'ETAT

PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR IS
DRIVEN OUT

KEPT MONIES TO HIMSELF

Hankow, To-day.

It was reported from Changsha last evening that General Lu Ti-ping (chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government) has been ousted by a combined movement of the part of Generals Ho Chieh, Hsia Wei and Yeh Chi, the reason being Lu Ti-ping's refusal to disburse Provincial finances for payment of other Generals' troops.

As far as can be ascertained, there was no fighting.

Lu Ti-ping was taken by surprise and has fled to parts unknown. It is reported that Ho Chieh is assuming the chairmanship of the Provincial Government.

It is emphasised that the whole affair is purely provincial and local in character and will not disturb national interests generally.—Reuter.

NOT UNDERSTOOD

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN THE
FAR EAST

ALBERT THOMAS' VIEWS

Geneva, Yesterday.

Interviewed by journalists, M. Albert Thomas said that the ideas of the League of Nations are imperfectly understood in China and the Far East, but the Chinese Government, he said, is keenly interested.

Apparently, he continued, there was an opportunity for the League to watch the Pan-Asiatic movement and, by wisely directed propaganda, secure closer collaboration with the peoples of the Far East.—Reuter.

STAN HILL CARTOON

Stan Hill's weekly cartoon will appear, as usual, in to-morrow's "China Mail." It concerns the most engaging sports topic of the day. Be sure to see it.

The pioneer art supplement and other Saturday features will also be in the "China Mail."

ARMY ESTIMATES

FURTHER REDUCTION OF
HALF A MILLION

London, Yesterday.

The Army Estimates will be presented to the House of Commons next week, and it is understood that they will show a further reduction of £500,000 on the preceding year.—British Wireless Service.

GENERALLY FINE

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory at 11.10 a.m. to-day stated:

A belt of relatively high pressure lies over the Yangtze Valley.

A depression is shown over N. E. China.

Pressure gradients over the China Sea appear to be shallow. Forecast:—Light S. E. or variable winds; generally fine, some coastal fog.

ARMED ROBBERY

IN KOWLOON EARLY THIS
MORNING

MONEY & JEWELLERY STOLEN

An armed robbery occurred at 7.15 this morning on the first floor of No. 72, Canton-road, Kowloon. According to a preliminary report received at Police Headquarters, Chung Sui-yang, a married woman living at the above address, stated that three men were concerned in the robbery. One of the intruders was armed with a dagger.

They stole \$14 in silver coins and five gold rings, the value of which has not yet been ascertained.

On leaving the house the robbers ran down Canton-road in the direction of Yau-mati.

None of the victims was subjected to any undue violence by the robbers.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 11/16.

U.S. CRUISER RUSHED TO CHEFOO

FORCED DRAUGHT!

"TRENTON" LEAVES MANILA
FOR SHANTUNG

DANGER TO MISSIONARIES?

Manila, To-day.

The light cruiser "Trenton," of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, left for Chefoo last evening under forced draught. Her arrival at Chefoo is expected by the evening of Feb. 24.—Reuter.

American missionaries and other U.S.A. citizens in inland townships of eastern Shantung have been warned already to evacuate. The despatch of the "Trenton" indicates that danger to Americans at and near Chefoo is not unexpected.

What Shanghai Thinks

Shanghai, To-day.

A telegram from Nanking states that great interest here centres in the landing in Shantung of the ex-Warlord, Chang Tsung-chang, former ally of the late Chang Tso-lin.

There is much speculation as to the source of the very considerable funds which he must have in order to attempt a "come back" after his very complete defeat last year; also the fact that he was permitted to leave Dalren has been considerably commented upon.

In this connection it is understood that the Japanese authorities state that they tried to stop him, but it was too late.

Japanese Denial

It is pointed out here that any attempt by Nationalist forces to crush the Chang Tsung-chang movement in Shantung will be rendered very difficult by the fact that Japanese troops occupy the territory lying adjacent the only feasible route by which the Nationalist troops could reach the disaffected area.

Local Chinese newspapers allege that the Japanese are assisting Chang Tsung-chang, but the local Japanese Press deny this.—Reuter.

No Change Overnight

A Royal Naval wireless report handed out this morning reads:—

There is no change in the situation at Chefoo.

It is confirmed that Chang Tsung-chang (the former "Northern" ruler of Shantung) has been to Lungkow.

Japanese View

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Official Japanese circles do not appear to regard the recent developments in Shantung as serious, it being considered that there is neither sufficient men nor money behind the movement. They think that possibly the remnants of the Anfu Party are responsible for the re-emergence of Chang Tsung-chang, who is probably hoping to step into Tsingtao owing to the port's economic importance, after the withdrawal of the Japanese.

Asked to Surrender

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Chang Tsung-chang has arrived at Tengchowfu, the residents of which place paid General Liu Chen-nien's troop \$80,000 to evacuate it without looting. Only a few places were looted.

Chang Tsung-chang's emissaries are now at Chefoo endeavouring to persuade Liu Chen-nien to surrender, but hitherto have been unsuccessful. It is difficult to ascertain how far the opposing sides are from Chefoo, but merchants are most uneasy, fearing immediate disturbances.—Reuter.

CHINA COMMANDS

NEW "G.S.O." APPOINTED
TO NORTH

London, Yesterday.

The War Office announces that Colonel G. R. V. Stewart has been appointed General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, North China Command, in succession to Colonel W. F. Baker, D.S.O., O.B.E., as from April 23.—Reuter.

Colonel Baker was appointed on April 24, 1927. There seems to be some confusion about the name of his successor, who appears to be Colonel P. A. V. Stewart, C.B.E., D.S.O., who was appointed to his present rank on Jan. 1, 1921 and has been on the half pay list.

SIR FREDERICK WHYTE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Kuo Min news agency learns on "good authority" that Sir Frederick Whyte is to be appointed adviser to the National Government of China.—Reuter.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS

TO THE FORE

GREAT EXPANSION

USEFUL ACTIVITY OF ASSOCIA-
TION EMPHASISED

A YEAR'S REVIEW

In their annual report the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association state:—

"The most outstanding feature of the year 1928 was the revival of the expansion of Kowloon which, halted in 1925, had moved but slowly in the two years succeeding. At the time of writing several magnificent blocks of flats are under construction, the Peninsula Hotel has been opened and the numbers of people thronging our thoroughfares have increased considerably. Large developments are in progress at Kowloon Tong, Kowloon City and other parts of the area. Another noteworthy feature has been the opening of a branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. We have also to record that, what in 1924 was regarded as somewhat visionary, Kowloon is represented on the Legislative Council by two members. In reviewing the work of 1924, the then President expressed the hope that Kowloon would have representation on the Council and last year the matter was again vigorously commented on by the retiring President. We congratulate the two Kowloon residents who have now been chosen, and look forward to giving our assistance on all matters on which they may desire to be advised.

The Association always endeavours to keep its requests within reasonable bounds and there is still plenty of scope for the useful activity of such a body in expressing the aspirations and desires of a rapidly increasing population consisting as it does of all nationalities. A study of the accompanying correspondence will prove that your Committee has not hesitated to use its best endeavours to bring about those communal improvements, the need for which brought the Association into being.

The Report follows the style adopted in past years, the actual correspondence being given in the appendices.

Kowloon Hospital

The staff has been augmented and a doctor is in constant attendance. At Victoria Hospital, Hong Kong, the Government now permits maternity cases to be attended by the patient's own doctor and we have reason to hope that similar privileges will be permitted at Kowloon when a maternity ward is provided.

Children's Playground

The question of playgrounds has been kept to the front during the year and Government has been requested to put more playgrounds at the disposal of the children of Kowloon. The need for more accommodation is very apparent and will become more and more acute as building progresses. The work of preparation for the new playground near Signal Hill is now in progress and it is hoped the ground will be ready for use as soon as may be possible.

Traffic

Several matters have been brought to the attention of the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police who has given them sympathetic consideration and prompt attention. A marked improvement has taken place during the year with regard to control of ricksha traffic. The noise made by motor-cyclists, thoughtlessly careering through residential quarters with open exhausts, has been considerably reduced and the Police have been of great assistance in stopping preventable noise after certain hours. There is still much room for the reduction of motor noises, particularly from 11 p.m. until dawn. This problem is being tackled in many cities and we hope that it will be kept constantly in mind here.

Motor Omnibus Service

With the allocation of the bus routes to the different companies, the elimination of the old Ford buses and the increased numbers of modern British vehicles, we can now boast of a service in Kowloon which compares favourably with any other elsewhere.

The various committees of the K.R.A. have worked strenuously with the Authorities to obtain the results to be seen to-day, and voluminous correspondence upon this subject has appeared in earlier reports, dating back to 1920. Each year since then special Sub-Committees have in turn tackled the pro-

Star Ferry Approach

Your Committee entered a protest against the construction of a garage on Salisbury-road, considering that its location was an encroachment on much-needed road space. The protest was too late to be of any avail, official approval having been given and building operations commenced before your Committee was aware of this project.

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ENGLAND'S "GREAT FROST"

BREAKS AT LAST

MULTITUDE OF BURST PIPES:
PLUMBERS BUSY

STILL SKATING

London, Yesterday.

The great frost, which had lasted ten days without a break, has gone. By midday the temperature had jumped to 45 degrees (Fahrenheit) which is normal for late February and two hours later it was 48.

A general change to milder weather is stated to be in progress though slight night frosts may continue.

As the result of the thaw countless waterpipes, which were frozen, have burst and the plumber is the most sought for personage to-day.

Skating is still in progress.

During the cold wave, excellent skating has been enjoyed on the lake in Buckingham Palace grounds by the Prince of Wales and his brothers. The Prince of Wales was on the ice again to-day.—British Wireless Service.

Floods in Thrace

Athens, Yesterday.

The Minister of Communications has toured through the flooded areas in Thrace.

He reports that 100,000 hectares of arable land are flooded or largely frozen, the crops have been destroyed, cattle have perished, a number of villages are isolated, and there are grave apprehensions as to the fate of the inhabitants on the Greek-Turkish frontier.

The authorities are co-operating in the matter of relief measures.—Reuter.

Trees in Nathan-Road

The question of the removal of trees in Nathan-road received the attention of the Committee during the year and, although satisfactory replies were received, we record with regret that we were too late to save some of these magnificent trees.

Dairy Farm

The Dairy Farm Co., before making additions to their present premises, were good enough to request the Committee to put forward any recommendations with regard to their service. A sub-committee was formed to co-operate with the Dairy Farm Co. and the result, we think, will prove beneficial to all concerned.

Residential Area

The question of buildings and open spaces has received considerable attention and a special sub-committee has been in close touch with Sir Henry Pollock and the authorities with a view to preserving and increasing the amenities of Kowloon.

Central British School

In April last, your Committee called the attention of Government to the inadequate and unsuitable accommodation of the Central British School, pointing out that the present building was too small for the purpose and that its location, because of traffic noises and other reasons, was now unsuitable. Your Committee urged the construction of a new school with adequate playing fields attached, such building to contain modern features befitting a secondary school of this nature. Although the correspondence on this subject does not reveal the intentions of Government, it is within the knowledge of your Committee that the matter has received the sympathetic consideration of the Education Department. Government has also set aside an area of approximately ten acres and provisional plans have been prepared. Your Committee trust that in the next Budget financial provision will be made for the purpose of site preparation and that the work of construction will proceed at an early date.

LAMBERT PROS

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Auctioneer

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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.**
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Auctioneer
Hong Kong, February 22, 192

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THURSDAY, February 28, 1929
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Comprising:—
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Mattress, Teak Wardrobe with
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Teak Chest of Drawers, Chair
etc.

Also
Several Pieces of Blackwood
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TENYO MARU	Wednesday, 20th March.
TENYO MARU	Wednesday, 27th April.
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SUWA MARU	Saturday, 23rd February.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 9th March.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 20th March.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 24th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
SEIYO MARU	Tuesday, 26th February.
AKITA MARU	Tuesday, 5th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 9th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
KAWACHI MARU	Monday, 4th March.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
KAKO MARU	Tuesday, 5th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	
LYONS MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Saturday, 2nd March.
MURORAN MARU	Friday, 8th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
NAGATO MARU	Monday, 25th February.
LIMA MARU	Thursday, 23rd February.
HARUNA MARU	Monday, 4th March.
GENOA MARU	Monday, 4th March.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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AMAZON MARU	Sunday, 10th March.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 19th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHINNOH MARU	Wednesday, 6th March.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
PANAMA MARU	Thursday, 28th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
GANGES MARU	Monday, 4th March.
CELEBES MARU	Monday, 18th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
MADRAS MARU (Omnia Manila)	Friday, 8th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 28th February 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAYRE MARU	Monday, 4th March.
JAPAN PORTS.	
BATAVIA MARU	Monday, 25th February.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 24th February Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 3rd March Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
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BATAVIA MARU	Monday, 25th February.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

BRITISH SHIPPING

IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH LABOUR

"SPOON-FED" VENTURES

London, Yesterday. Sir William Currie, in his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, said that a very important and gratifying sign in the past year had been the marked improvement in the relations of capital and labour. The statistics showed that days lost by disputes in the shipping industry were fewer than for 36 years.

Enormous Losses. A very important happening was the withdrawal of the Australian Government from business and the gradual diminution of the interests of the American Shipping Board. Australia had lost \$12,000,000 on its experiment and the American Shipping Board lost on operating only the fabulous sum of \$55,000,000 in seven years. This was a matter of complete satisfaction to British shipping which has never asked to be spoon-fed by the Government.

That two such outstanding examples of state ownership had collapsed condemned the endeavour of some Indian politicians to exclude all British shipping from the Indian coastal trade.

The Coal Industry. Sir William Currie, the retiring President, in reviewing last year said the clouds overhanging the coal industry were dispersing. Speaking with intimate knowledge of the South Wales trade, he was confident that we had touched the bottom of the output and that now increasing exports were extending—Reuter.

SAFETY OF LIFE

LESSONS LEARNT DURING THE WAR

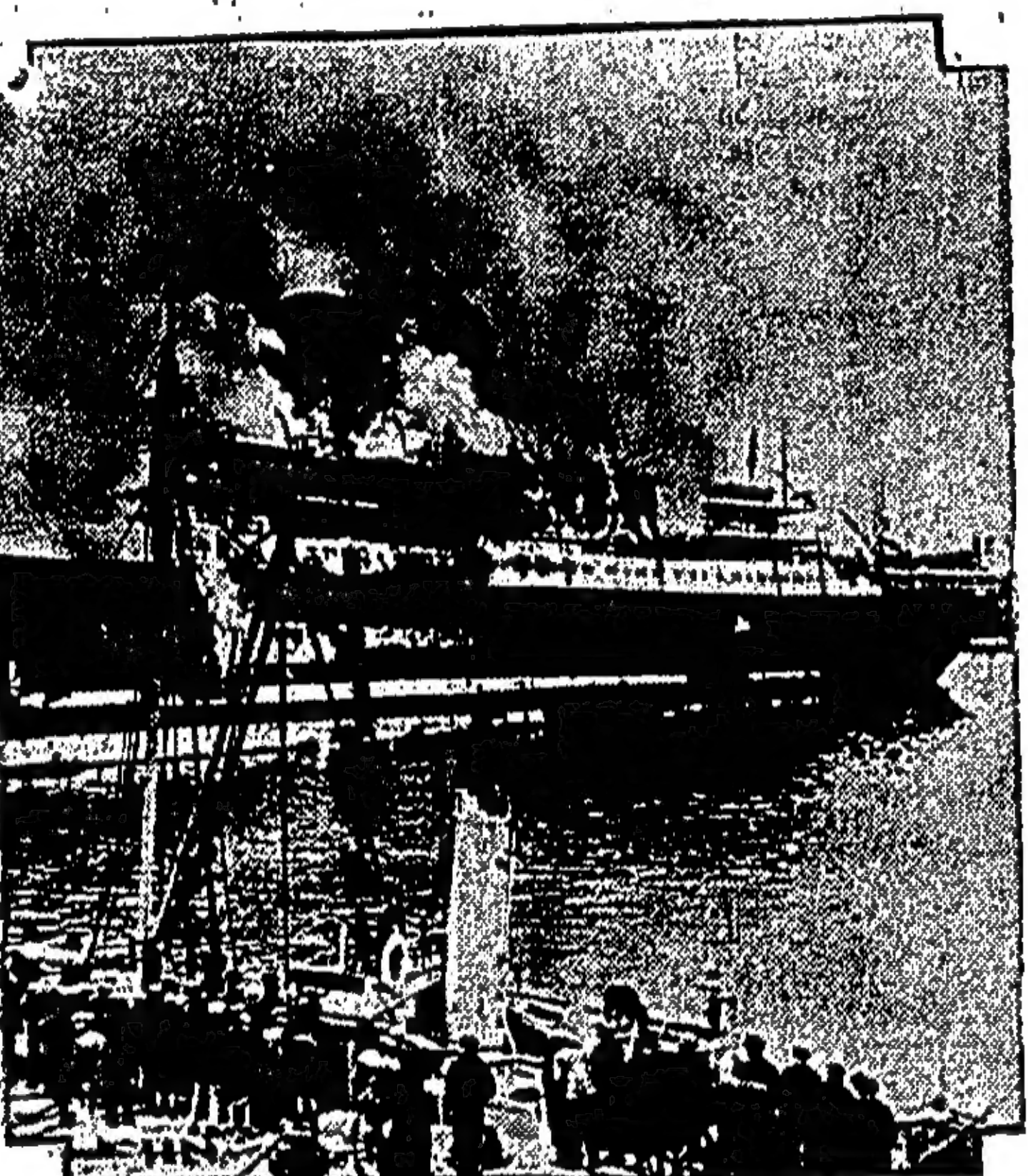
COMING CONFERENCE

Plenty of work is cut out for the international conference on Safety of Life at Sea, to be held in London in the Spring, thinks Rear-Admiral T. T. Craven, of the United States Navy, whose article on "Sea Safety," as told to J. Earle Miller, appears in Popular Mechanics (Chicago).

Little progress has been made, he believes, in methods and equipment for saving life at sea, since the last international conference in 1912, following the "Titanic" disaster. The coming session, arranged by the seafaring nations of the world, will include representatives of the American Navy, the Department of Commerce, and shipping interests. The Allies during the War learned more about lifesaving difficulties, says Admiral Craven, than might have been learned in a century of peace.

As just one sample of what we learned (he continues) "it was discovered that men leaping from upper decks into the water were frequently injured by their own life-jackets. It was this that caused the U.S. Navy to change from cork to the softer kapok."

The "Paul Lecat"



Firemen stood helpless and spectators spellbound before the blaze which destroyed the M. M. liner "Paul Lecat" in drydock at Marseilles. The photo shows the flames sweeping the after-deck and superstructure of the liner which used to call at Hong Kong regularly.

GERMAN SHIPPING

IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

On February 1 Mr. O. Laesch, a member of the board of directors of the Hamburg-America Linie, and Mr. Remppes, of William Muller and Co., Batavia, representing the Deutsche Australische Dampfschiff-Gesellschaft, left Batavia for Macassar in order to study local shipping possibilities for their firm.

Mr. Laesch, who will return to Europe via Australia, has intimated that at present eight cargo boats, of 10,000 tons each, have been ordered by his company and four of them will be placed in the freight service between Europe and the Dutch Indies—"Straits Times."

The steam trawler "Shunkotsu Maru," 195 tons gross, owned by the Japanese Government, arrived at Singapore on February 6 from Bangkok. She is carrying a party of Japanese students on a fisheries research cruise in the South Seas.

and ship officers are not exempt. The result is that lifeboat drill, and the care and inspection of life-saving equipment, may become a mere perfunctory performance.

"Every ship carrying passengers should be so adequately divided into water-tight compartments that it would be practically unsinkable. In the U.S. Navy we never carry lifeboats for more than half a ship's complement, and in time of war the majority of these boats are left ashore. We depend entirely on the vessel's watertight compartments to keep her afloat, even though torpedoed. If the Navy can subdivide a battleship to that extent, certainly a ship carrying women and children as passengers should be as adequately protected."

Tell-Tale Gauges. "Secondly, the equipment for pumping should be sufficient and so arranged that every compartment can be kept free of water. Tell-tale gauges should be provided to show the amount of water, if any, in every compartment, and the ship also should be equipped with smoke and fire gauges similarly arranged."

The third requirement should be enough life-boats or rafts to carry every passenger. The question of the relative value of hull and raft is still open, though there is a strong opinion in some quarters that a raft is the better of the two. Passengers may be more uncomfortable on a raft, but you can dump rafts overboard when you can't launch boats, and they will float in most cases when the boats may be swamped.

Fourth, I think there should be a much more adequate inspection of life boats, their gear and equipment, than customary on many merchant vessels. I haven't travelled in many merchant ships, but I have seen the kind of life-saving gear used in a few, and the manner in which it is often neglected. Frequent and especially necessary on ships travelling, as the "Vestris" did, through the tropics, where the hot sun dries out and rots both boats and gear.

Use of the Life-Jacket. "Fifth, life-boats should be adequately provisioned with food and water—changed frequently to insure freshness—and with the necessary navigating equipment of compass, oars, signal flares, and sail."

"Sixth, I would put the necessity of teaching every passenger how to don and adjust a life-jacket. War-time experience showed that sometimes life-boats were so poorly adjusted they became an actual menace, and often came off the water."

"Next comes better drilling of the lifeboat crews, at least to the extent of instilling some sort of discipline, in so far as that is possible among men who sign for 'only one cruise' and may jump to another ship at the end

of the voyage. Reports are all too common after sea tragedies in the merchant marine, as they were in the "Vestris" case, of undisciplined crews getting out of hand, rushing the boats, and leaving the passengers to perish."

"Finally, in view of the reports that shifting cargo had something to do with the 'Vestris' disaster, it might be possible to extend the present steamship-inspection service for passenger-carrying vessels to include supervision of cargo stowage."

One of the big problems to be considered remains the life-boat equipment and its handling. With the new-type davits, capable of handling two rows of nested boats, it is possible to pack considerable more life-saving equipment in a given space, but what is to be done when a vessel lists, as the "Vestris" did, and renders half that equipment unavailable, is a problem. Consideration has been given to proposals for moving life-boats across the ship from one side to the other, but life-boat is a heavy thing, and hard to handle even under normal conditions. Give the ship a pronounced list, have it plunged about in a storm, and the decks crowded with frightened passengers, and the problem is well-nigh unsolvable.

"One thing that may come out of the 'Vestris' tragedy may be a public demand, like the demand that followed the 'Titanic' sinking, for still further improvement in ships and ship equipment and in emergency drills on the part of crews. If that demand is sufficient to be reflected in the forthcoming international lifesaving congress, it may give a long step toward making such tragedies less likely in the future."

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

FOR SCOTS SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

The past year has been a noteworthy one in the shipbuilding industry in Scotland in several ways, and chiefly from the fact of the large tonnage launched. The figures given below show that active conditions have been a feature during most of the year, and the employment has been good. The details of the output from the different areas are as follows:—

Vessels	Tons	Vessels	Tons
The Clyde	241,004,611	274,462,565	
The Forth	52,257,714	53,216,333	
The Tay	11,322,242	10,245,618	
The Dee and Moray Firth	34,647,5	35,971,7	

All districts, it will be seen, except the north, show a larger output than during the previous year, and the Clyde total is the seventh highest on record. It falls short of the great output of the year 1913 by just over 152,000 tons, but marks a steady advance. The machinery output on the Clyde for 1928 was 675,907 h.p. against 647,874 h.p. for 1927. Of the total vessels launched on the Clyde no fewer than 72 were steamers with reciprocating engines, and represented 288,550 tons, an average of nearly 4,000 tons each. Motorships numbered 25, with a total of 172,250 tons, and then came 7 turbine steamers, representing 72,779 tons, 3 warships—21,440 tons, 1 turbo-electric steamer of 19,300 tons, and a Diesel-electric vessel of 8,947 tons. The remaining tonnage for the year was made up of smaller vessels of one kind and another—all of which were, however, of importance from different standpoints. When the orders on hand were getting well advanced rather a gloomy turn began to creep over the industry as fresh contracts were coming along very slowly and many berths were empty. A brighter side began to show itself during the late autumn and many fresh contracts were secured by Clyde shipbuilders, and, although the number booked more recently has been much less, scarcely a week passes without new work being reported. One of the features of the orders on hand is the number of general cargo-carrying vessels which would seem to strike a note of confidence on the part of shippers as to the prospects of a revival of foreign trade. Should such a state eventuate the probability should be that other owners might place orders also for more modern tonnage. While the past year has been a fairly good one on the Clyde the outlook for the year, while not yet over bright, is not unduly dull—"Engineering."

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Mar. 37
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 12
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21

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DEATHS AT SEA

MR. SAKLAVALA'S QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT

London, Jan. 28.

Replying to a question asked by Mr. S. Saklavalala (Communist) regarding the death of 37 Indians who were being repatriated from British Guiana on board the s.s. "Sutlej" last September, Earl Winterton said that 30 deaths were due to respiratory diseases, the victims being mostly aged paupers who were being repatriated. The question was being considered of the publication in India of a communique regarding the findings and recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry. The India Committee's report had been brought under the notice of the Government of British Guiana.

DOCTOR DROWNED

PILOT'S MISJUDGMENT WHILE LANDING

Antibes, Jan. 25.

Dr. John Buller, a retired French doctor of 74 years of age, of Guernsey, who was engaged on botanical research, was returning in a seaplane from Tunis accompanied by his 89-year-old wife, when the pilot misjudged while landing in a heavy mist and the plane was caught by a large wave and was overturned.

Dr. and Mrs. Buller were injured and drowned while the pilot and the wireless operator sustained slight injuries.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Cornflower," a sloop, arrived at Shanghai on Wednesday from Hong Kong and H.M.S. "Seepoy," a destroyer, left Shanghai the same day for Nanking.

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KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,764	15th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	10,988	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
LAHORE	6,562	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,980	28th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANUFA	6,000	9th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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THE FLOWER SHOW

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL TO

KOWLOON

MRS. SOUTHERN "PASSIVE"

At the distribution of prizes at
the annual show of flowers and
vegetables held by the Hong Kong
Horticultural Society at Volunteer
Headquarters yesterday, Mr. Ho
Leung (the President) said he
supposed they might congratulate
themselves on having staged another
fine show. It was most gratifying
to see a greater number of exhibi-
tors from the Peak.

He would say, however, that he
was disappointed by the poor sup-
port from the Lower Levels and
Kowloon. There must be, he said,
at least 200 or 300 gardens at
Kowloon Tong and Homantin and
it was a great pity that they had
not received support from that
quarter.

He appealed to the residents of
Kowloon to take a greater inter-
est in the show next year, and
stated that perhaps the Society
would arrange suitable transporta-
tion in future.

Thanks to Exhibitors
Mr. Ho Leung thanked Lt.-Col.
L. G. Bird, D.S.O., and officers of
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps for the loan of the hall and
grounds; Mr. Ho Kom-long, O.B.E.,
for his wonderful display of sweet
peas and vegetables; and the donors
of prizes, judges, hon. secretaries
and others who had helped very
greatly to make the show a suc-
cess.

They were all extremely gratified
to see Mrs. Southern present to dis-
tribute the prizes. It was his sin-
cere hope that Mrs. Southern would
be a prize-winner herself at the
next week (laughter and ap-
plause).

Before the sale of vegetables and
cut flowers, Mr. Ho Leung thanked
the exhibitors who had offered to
sell their goods for the benefit of
the Society.

No Grumbling
After distributing the awards,
Mrs. W. T. Southern declared that
she was really more of a passive
than an active gardener. She
rather liked to see someone else do
the work and reap the benefit her-
self (laughter). She congratulated
everyone on the show—one of the
most pleasant incidents in the Hong
Kong year. One never heard people
grumbling about the show, she said,
and that in itself was a credit to
the Society. She expressed her best
wishes for the future.

Cheers were given for Mrs.
Southern, after which she was pre-
sented with a bouquet by Miss June
Perry.

Special Awards
A number of awards, other than
those in the general list, made too
late for insertion in yesterday's
edition, are as follows:-

Collection of Vegetables:—(open).

—The Hong Kong Club (The Peak)

—Mrs. R. M. Dyer.

Bunches of Cut Flowers (Open).

—Mr. A. Tao, (The Peak)—Mrs.

C. Bernard Brown.

Cut Roses.—1. Mrs. R. M. Dyer.

Vase of Cut Flowers.—1. Miss

P. Scott-Harrison; 2. Miss M.

Lourelro; 3. Mrs. C. B. Brown.

Basket of Cut Flowers (children

under 10 years).—Miss June Perry.

Table Decoration.—1. Mrs. Au-

brey; 2. Miss Clark; 3. Mrs. Mait-

land.

Display of Cut Flowers grown

by exhibitor.—Mrs. Hoare.

Pots of Annuals or Plants grown

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Ho Fook.

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the Victoria Naval Yard and Aber-

deen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water

must not be considered to coincide

with the times of slack-water and

change of current, the two phenomena

being quite distinct.

February 22 to 28, 1929.

DATE | HIGH WATER | LOWER WATER

Feb. | Standard | Ht. | Standard | Ht.

Fri. 22 | 9.57 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 0.4

Sat. 23 | 8.28 | 7.7 | 1.38 | 2.4

Sun. 24 | 10.25 | 4.4 | 3.39 | 0.4

Mon. 25 | 9.22 | 7.7 | 2.35 | 2.0

Tues. 26 | 10.22 | 7.5 | 3.15 | 0.6

Wed. 27 | 11.18 | 4.7 | 4.00 | 0.9

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U.S.A. AND THE PHILIPPINES

It is interesting to observe that every now and again one of the Democrats of the U.S. Senate or of the House of Representatives has something more or less relevant to say on the subject of the Philippine Islands. Almost invariably they demand its immediate return to the Filipinos, thus implying that the Islands are more of a nuisance to America than they are worth; that Americans have already spent far too much time and money on them and that it will be merely a case of good money going after bad to continue in such a futile course. Thus the Democrats, who also add something to the effect that the Islands, having belonged to their native races for centuries, should continue in their hands now and for all time. The Republicans, altruistic in a different way, murmur something to the effect that the natives, being their "little brown brothers," it is, of course, the duty of good Americans to continue to govern them and lead them and their country along the true paths of prosperity. And so it goes on. Jones bills and King bills are the panaceas suggested and over which controversies rage and deputations pass to and fro from the Philippine Islands to Washington, D.C. It is now fully thirty years since the United States undertook the imperial task of improving the Islands and of enlightening the natives, and it is indubitable that in both respects our American friends have been eminently successful. Only the Democrats challenge such a statement, evidently oblivious of the fact that when they were in office, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, their powerful leader, seemed to be quite as reluctant as any Republican President to give up the Philippines or concede to them any larger measure of independence than they had previously. Millions of American dollars have been spent on the Philippines and very considerable improvements, particularly in the interior have been made. Is it then at all likely that any responsible American Administration will agree to the passing over of what has long since been regarded as an integral part of America? Judging by what has happened during the past three decades there is very little likelihood that any serious change of any kind will take place, even though the Democrats may continue to make strong and uncritical statements regarding America's connection with the Islands.

Senator King, in introducing his bill "granting independence to the Philippine Islands," certainly did not improve his prospects by declaring that the American sovereignty in the Philippines "was being maintained to permit of their exploitation by American capitalists." Such a statement, apart from being absurd when made in the United States Senate, is much more like the thoughtless utterance of a Socialistic demagogue than of a responsible Senator of the American Senate. The less Democrats say about the Philippine Islands the better will it be for all seriously concerned, for obviously neither Democratic nor Republican Party leaders have any intention—at least no immediate intention—of making any change in the country's policy with regard to the Islands.

To persevere in one's duty and be silent, is the best answer to calumny.—George Washington.

The motor cycle raffle organised by St. Peter's Young Men's Club will be drawn on Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Club house.

Creditors in the estate of Edward Clark Rock (deceased) are notified that claims must be submitted to Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson by March 14.

Mrs. W. T. Southorn will distribute the prizes at the Italian Convent, 86, Cairne Road, on Monday, March 4, at 5 p.m. All friends and parents are invited.

A Chinese boy named Fu Ping (14) was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from a stab wound in the left cheek. His injury was caused by another youth named Chai Fui (13) who is alleged to have used a penknife in the course of a fight between the two in Shanghai street, Yaumati.

The Exchange Banks will be open for the transaction of public business from 9.30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 25, 26 and 27.

The Stock Exchange will be closed at noon on race days on Monday, February 25, Tuesday, February 26, Wednesday, February 27, and Saturday, March 2.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. will be held at the office of the company, St. George's Building, on Wednesday, March 13, at noon.

Notice has been given at the Registry of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. W. Bruce Patie, master mariner, s.s. "Haining," to Miss F. E. George, schoolmistress, c/o Royal Naval Dockyard.

Six cases of smallpox—all Chinese—were notified yesterday, three being from the Victoria district and three from Kowloon. Two cases of enteric fever, both Chinese, were also reported.

It is advertised that Draft Programmes and entry forms for the first extra race meeting to be held on March 9, may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay stables. Tries close on March 4, at noon.

A Chinese woman named Chan Sze (32), of No. 177, Shanghai street, Yaumati, died at the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday afternoon from opium poisoning stated to have been self-administered. She expired soon after her admission to the hospital.

Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded that the annual meeting will be held at 12 noon to-morrow, to be followed by the extraordinary meeting at 12.45 p.m., both to be in the City Hall.

At about 6.40 p.m. yesterday, a small fire broke out on the second floor of No. 137, Hospital street, Shamshuipo. The alarm was immediately sent through to the Kowloon Fire Brigade from Mongkok Police Station. An engine arrived and the flames were extinguished without difficulty. Only a few pieces of furniture were damaged.

Harmston's Circus was again well patronised last night when the management presented a lengthy programme, a feature of which was the variety of the entertainment given. The Nelson Trio, the Shaw sisters and the Mackie sisters were again to the fore, a performance by the lions winding up an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Yesterday afternoon three robbers, armed with revolvers and daggers, raided a Chinese residence at No. 638, Shanghai street, Yaumati. They entered the second floor where there were only three women. These were speedily overpowered, after which the rascals ransacked the flat and stole money and jewellery valued at about \$100.

Sir Robert Ho Tung is to deliver an address at the foundation stone ceremony of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon branch, Waterloo-road, near Kwong Wah Hospital, at 3 p.m. to-morrow. Madame Wu Ting-fang, who is an old Hong Kong resident and the widow of China's most famous diplomat (who took a great interest in the Y.M.C.A.) is to perform the ceremony of laying the stone.

Whilst being driven down the steep incline from Hollywood road into Queen's-road West yesterday afternoon, a handcart got out of control. In an attempt to stop the vehicle, the coolies swerved it to one side of the road. Two Chinese pedestrians were knocked down by the cart before it was pulled up. They both suffered injuries which necessitated their removal to the Government Civil Hospital. Their condition is not serious.

FIRST AID

AMBULANCE BRIGADE AT THE RACES

The following programme of duties has been arranged for the St. John Ambulance Brigade at the Race Meeting:

Monday, Feb. 25:—Y.M.C.A. and Kowloon Divisions.
Tuesday, Feb. 26:—Mongkok and Indian Divisions.
Wednesday, Feb. 27:—St. Joseph's and King's College Divisions. Each of the above mentioned Divisions will supply two Stretcher Parties.
Saturday, March 2:—Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, Mongkok and Shaikwan Divisions. On Saturday each division detailed for duty will provide one stretcher party.
Lunch will be served to those on duty by the Jockey Club.
Mr. Chai will be the officer for

"OH KAY"

LIVELY MUSICAL COMEDY AT THE "STAR"

POPULAR BANYARD CO.

The Banyard Musical Comedy Co. presented "Oh Kay" last evening at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to another large audience.

The Company were in excellent form, and "Oh Kay," containing many of P. G. Wodehouse's characteristic witticisms, provided the Company with a good chance. Shorty McGee, played admirably by Edgar Stanmore, was a Butler not of the "Jeeves" type, and the audience simply, at times rocked with laughter whenever the popular comedian appeared. "Oh Kay" is rich with humour, bright singing and delightful dancing, while the actual plot is, of course, absolutely burlesque. The author is in his element extricating Jimmy Winter, played capably by Jack Desmond, from his numerous amorous entanglements.

Jack Desmond possesses a fine voice but his vocal items are by no means the least of his accomplishments. His duets with the very popular Cherry Wilmott, a strong Hong Kong favourite, who presents Lady Kay gives us a clue to the comedy's peculiar title. Cherry Wilmott had a great reception last night and had difficulty in retiring after her many very clever items.

Frank Atkinson as the Duke of Datchet is a very able comedian and dancer of the familiar George Grossmith type and his dancing items were particularly enjoyable and very original. All the others were equally good.

There is not a dull moment throughout the evening. To-night "Oh Kay" will again be presented.

"ON APPROVAL"

A.D.C. GIVE BRILLIANT SECOND PERFORMANCE

The second performance of "On Approval" by the A.D.C., in the Theatre Royal last night, was even better than it was on the opening night. The action of the play runs on oiled wheels and the four actors play with such ease and polish that it is difficult to remember that one is watching an "Amateur Production." The performance given was much better than many of the professional shows given in Hong Kong. The diction of all four actors is remarkably good and not a word of the witty dialogue is lost.

Lucy Greenamith is entirely delightful as "Helen" and plays with charm, humour, and sweetness. B. L. Seton-Winton is simply excellent as the kind-hearted and faithful "Richard," and specially good when he really "breaks out" in the last act.

Eva Davidson gives such a finished performance as the cynical "Maria" that we are reluctant to criticise an interpretation so full of force and character—but we still think that she falls somewhat in the first act by refusing to avail herself of the opportunities for being charming, which the author offers in the opening scene. She shows the claws in the velvet sheath the moment the curtain rises, when she might have camouflaged them by that fascinating "Ellis Jeffrey's" manner which we all know so well. That mixture of charm and petulance, worldly-wisdom and childlike helplessness, which would have justified "Richard's" lifelong devotion! In the 2nd and 3rd acts, however, Eva Davidson was all that author and audience could desire.

One had almost expected to find Major Macready in the role of the "Duke" for it is a part which would have fitted him like a glove. However, M. M. Maas wins many a laugh and adds considerably to his laurels in the part, and is an admirable foil to the others. All the more credit to him for making a success of a part which does not really suit him.

The audience last night showed their appreciation of the play by plenty of applause and also by wonderful baskets and bouquets of flowers. The A.D.C. deserve all success and packed houses for the rest of the run, and we shall have pity for those unable to go to see "On Approval."

Woman at Shoreditch County Court: I brought this case on before. I waited in the passage for a long time, and when I asked a gentleman about it he said it had been scratched.

The Judge (smiling): No, not scratched; struck out!

LATE SIR F. H. MAY

PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

UNVEILED BY GOVERNOR

A portrait of the late Sir Henry May, who was a president of the European Y.M.C.A., for twelve years, was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) at the Association's building, Kowloon, last evening.

His Excellency was welcomed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C.; president of the Association. After unveiling the portrait in the lounge, in the presence of a large gathering, Sir Cecil said:—

The whole of Sir Henry May's life, from 1881 to 1919, save for a brief absence of little more than a year in Fiji, was identified with the fortunes of the Colony of Hong Kong, and for seven years, from 1912 to 1919, he was Governor of the Colony. It is difficult for me to say all that I feel about Sir Henry May, for I loved him and was intimately associated with him, both in public and in private life.

When he was Colonial Secretary, from 1907 to 1909, I was his Assistant Colonial Secretary, and when he administered the Government in 1910, I was his Private Secretary. This, however, is not an occasion on which it is proper to speak of the eminent life-long service given to Hong Kong by Sir Henry May as an administrator, and I need only mention briefly what he did for the Young Men's Christian Association in this Colony.

12 Years President

He was President of the Association for twelve years, and during that time he took the keenest interest in its work. He was largely instrumental in procuring for the Association the fine site upon which stands the building in which we now are. He also collected considerable subscriptions towards the building fund of the Association, being himself a generous contributor to that fund.

It is therefore, right and proper that his portrait should have an honoured place in this institution to remind all who come here of the debt which they owe him and, more than that, to encourage them to lead the life of Christian endeavour, of fortitude in adversity, and of courage in well-doing, of which he was a signal example.

His Excellency then inspected the building accompanied by Capt. Whyte, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. John H. Hunt, secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

Immediately following the unveiling ceremony, the annual meeting of the Association was held under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.

Before presenting his review of the report, Sir Henry said that the question of the "Red Triangle" magazine was raised at the last annual meeting but it had been found impossible to start the paper again. He had been speaking to the Secretary that afternoon and he thought that it was not practicable to resume publication of the "Red Triangle."

The report, he continued, showed many activities and he was particularly pleased to notice the growing library, from which he had just taken a book which he had not come across elsewhere. Sir Henry also referred to the sporting and other activities and also to the Naval and Military work which had been greatly assisted by the Grand Tattoo. In connection with that he thought they should pass a vote of thanks to the members of the committees responsible for its organisation. He would like to mention Mr. R. Sutherland who, although in indifferent health, continued with the work until forced to give up and take a holiday. Then there was Lt.-Col. Comyn, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. J. H. Hunt who had all performed yeoman service in the Tattoo organisation.

Good Work

Sir Henry said that during the past year the Association had been put to heavy expenses which would not, however, be recurring. He was convinced that the Association was doing good work and he felt proud that he was entering on the tenth year of his presidency, being the successor to Sir Henry May whose portrait had just been unveiled by H.E. the Governor.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. L. D. Scott and Mr. W. H. Bell were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. W. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. H. J. Fountain, the meeting concluding with a vote of thanks to the chairman proposed by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

"Do you know if the editor has looked at the poems I sent him?"
"Yes, sir, he glanced through them this morning."
"Oh, just a cursory examination, I suppose?"
"Quite right, sir, I never heard such language in my life!"

POPULAR CLUB

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Y.M.C.

ANNUAL DINNER

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club held its annual dinner at Lane, Crawford's restaurant last evening.

The happy reunion, which was presided over by the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, was attended by a large number of members of the Club and their friends.

Among those at the principal table were the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-wall, C.M.G., LL.D., and Mrs. Kote-wall, and Mr. W. L. Pattenenden.

After the toasts of "The King" and the "Republic of China" had been honoured, the Hon. Dr. Kote-wall was received with applause on rising to make the speech of the evening.

He said:—I share with His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria the honour of being Joint Patron of this Club. His Lordship, owing unfortunately to the state of his health, is not dining out for the present, and so the duty of proposing the Club has devolved on me. And I accepted this duty with readiness, for though I have not Bishop Duggan's eloquence, which at once charms and inspires, I do not yield to him in appreciation and admiration of the work which the Club has been doing for the good of the community, and in the faith that it will do yet greater good in the future.

"Gathering Strength"

St. Peter's Club has been in existence for about two and a half years, gathering strength as it grows older, and rendering services to the community which have benefited various classes, particularly the poor and the needy. Last year it had its first annual dinner, at which I had the pleasure of performing the same duty as I am now performing. I then briefly outlined the objects and purpose of the Club, and the nature of the work it had done. It would be a waste of time if I were to go over the same ground again, and I would therefore content myself with congratulating the Club upon another year of successful endeavour. It is a matter of great regret to us that its former hard-working Secretary Mr. George Zimmermann is not with us this evening. You will all be glad to hear that news has just been received that he topped the first terminal examination which took place a little while ago. I feel that all of you would like to join with me in wishing him continued success. Mr. Halward has informed me that, while intending no disparagement to the present hard-working secretaries, the absence of Mr. George Zimmermann is still being felt by the Club. I know how hard all the officials of the Club especially the Joint Secretaries have been working, but at the same time, in order to fill the void left by the resignation of George, and to enable the Club to make the progress it should, it is incumbent upon all members, whether they hold official positions or not, to put their weight in the work which the Club has set out to do. I am sure that with the wise guidance of your Chairman you will succeed in your object.

Mr. Halward's Part

In the past, whenever I was going to say something about St. Peter's Club, the Rev. Halward invariably begged me to leave him out. Though I could not altogether do so, I spared him as much as I could, but I am not going to be so indulgent this evening. The Club owes its success as much to Mr. Halward as to Mr. George Zimmermann. Mr. Halward has from the time of the Club's inception been its Chairman, and has been working unremittingly in its interest. He has been not only Chairman, but a personal friend to the members, inspiring them in their efforts, and counselling them in their difficulties. He is a veritable Trojan for work, with a temper that can not be ruffled. No wonder a young lady who is not connected with this Club, and who has often received assistance and help from him, calls him Mr. Kindness. With such a man to guide its destiny, the success of the Club is assured. I have now much pleasure in asking you, ladies and gentlemen, to drink with me to the success and prosperity of St. Peter's, coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. N. V. Halward.

Responding, the Rev. N. V. Halward spoke with diffidence in regard to his own work, stating that he was merely in the capacity of a supporter in much that was suggested by the initiative of Mr. George Zimmermann. Reviewing the work of the Club during the past year, he stated that it had not been a particularly outstanding one, but much good had been done to bear out the ideals and aims of their late Secretary. He referred in particular to the efforts of Dr. R. H. Kote-wall, who had obtained for them permission from the Government for the use of a site for a bathing shed at

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TELEPHONE CO.

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taken down, as called for under the terms of our franchise, has taken care of development in providing service during the year for 584 additional exchange lines, and 370 additional extension lines, which, I feel sure you will agree, represents a very satisfactory increase in your business.

Reserve Fund

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet you will observe that the General Reserve stands at \$175,000, and is represented by the Reserve Fund shown on the contra side.

Whilst on this subject of General Reserve, it might be well if I pointed out that your Company is, by the terms of its franchise, restricted to \$50,000 as the annual appropriation to reserve and that if the profits do not allow such an appropriation in any financial year, the amount of \$50,000 cannot be increased in any subsequent year. In the ordinary course of business it will no doubt become necessary to make calls on the issued shares of your Company from time to time to finance capital additions, and assuming, for the purpose of illustration, that the authorised capital of \$5,000,000 is fully paid up, it will be apparent that the annual appropriation of \$50,000 to Reserve is only 1 per cent. of your capital, and, consequently, it may be necessary in the future to make representations to the Government to modify this provision of the Telephone Ordinance so that the annual appropriation to reserve may be increased.

General Plant Increased

Turning now to the assets side of the Balance Sheet, you will observe that General Plant has been increased by \$280,897.39 which represents for the most part the cost of capital additions of a permanent nature, such as the laying down of underground cables in continuance of the replacement of overhead wires, as required under the terms of the Telephone Ordinance. Some idea of the magnitude of the work involved will, I feel sure, be conveyed to you when I state that 4720.85 circuit miles of underground cabling and 62,475 circuit miles of covered distribution were laid down during the year under review.

Land and buildings show a capital addition of \$140,848.85, which is in respect of the purchase of a site and a portion of the cost of erection of a new Exchange Building for Kowloon. This building has been designed to provide initial accommodation for 10,000 subscribers' lines, with ultimate extension to 20,000 subscribers' lines.

Automatic Plant

I now come to the item "Automatic Plant" (Preliminary Expenses) which stands at \$98,003.99; and it is with great pleasure that I am able to notify you that very definite progress has been made in connection with the change-over of the existing manual system to automatic working. In July, 1928, after the Government's approval had been obtained, a contract was entered into with Messrs. Siemens Bros., of London, for the supply and installation of complete automatic equipments for the Hong Kong system, and according to the terms of this contract the installation should be completed early in 1930; and it is reasonable to assume, therefore, that before the date of the next annual general meeting the change-over to the automatic system will be a fait accompli. The equipment will be of British manufacture throughout.

The work to be done by your Company's staff in connecting the cables to the new Exchanges and for the replacement of the magnet instruments at subscribers' premises is well in hand, and provided there is no serious delay in shipment of materials, I can see no reason to believe why the change-over should not take place as planned, namely, at the beginning of 1930.

The work involved in the change-over is of a complicated nature, and although matters will be so arranged as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to subscribers, I would take this opportunity of asking the telephone public for their close co-operation with your Company, both during the transition and at the time of change-over, by paying careful attention to all notifications which may be issued from time to time by the Company, covering

Repulse Bay during last year. The bathing shed proved to be a decided success.

"The Guests"

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, in proposing a toast to "The Guests," expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Club for such assistance as had been extended to it in the past by various firms. He referred to the presence of Mr. W. L. Pattenenden as being an encouraging factor for the Club.

Mr. W. L. Pattenenden suitably responded, in returning thanks on behalf of the guests.

The function was brought to a conclusion with the Deaf wishing greater success for the Club during the coming year.

instructions in the methods to be employed for the satisfactory functioning of the apparatus.

Subscription Increased

In view of the heavy capital expenditure to be financed in this connection, the Government was approached with a view to obtaining increased rates of subscription, as a result of which authority was granted to increase such rates by \$9 per annum as from January 1, 1929. This brings the annual subscription rate up to \$117, which I would ask you to observe is less by \$3.10 (or \$7 if the royalty of \$4 per annum to Government is taken into consideration) than that recommended by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce in their report of August, 1922, as being a fair rate to be charged for the year 1926. In making this increase it was taken into consideration that the whole of the expenditure on new plant would not require to be met immediately, but would be spread over a considerable period, and it should therefore be borne in mind that a further revision of rates will be necessary when the total cost of the new plant has been met, for the reason, as I explained from the Chair at the last annual meeting, that the rate of subscription to be charged resolves itself into a question of initial outlay on which is required a return on investment in the manner contemplated by the Telephone Ordinance.

Before concluding I would like to mention that the Government has been in negotiation with this Company during the year for a grant of intercommunicating facilities between the Government and public telephone services, and your Company has felt it right to accede to the Government's request in this matter. I think it only fair, however, to point out that this concession will, when it becomes operative coincident with the change-over to the new system, result in the Government dispensing with the majority of its public telephones, with a corresponding decrease in revenue to your Company.

Trunk Line to Canton

I would also like to make reference to a proposal for the establishment of trunk telephone service between Hong Kong and Canton, which matter was given very full consideration by your Company so soon as it became known that the Canton telephone system was to be reconstructed, developed, and brought up-to-date. This project has always been before your Company, but the absence of a satisfactory system in Canton with which to connect up, has hitherto been an insuperable barrier to the provision of trunk communication.

The opening up of an automatic telephone service in Canton and the reconstruction of the outside plant in that city will, however, bring this matter within the realm of practicability, and your Company is now in communication with the Canton Administration with a view to co-operating with the latter in the projected trunk line from Hong Kong to Canton. There exists, I believe, a strong need amongst the commercial communities of both cities for such a service which, I am sure, would be much appreciated and greatly in demand.

The main conditions your Company has in mind are that the proposition be financially sound and that the methods of construction be such as to afford good and uninterrupted telephone service at all times. If the latter be given effect to, then I believe there need be no cause for apprehension regarding the financial side of the matter.

Appropriations

I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the financial year ending December 31, 1928, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet, be carried into effect, namely:—Payment of a final dividend of 4 per cent., making a total of 8 per cent. for the year, \$76,904.00; Transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000; bonus to European staff, \$9,725.67; transfer to Stores Obsolescence Reserve, \$25,000; carry forward to next account, \$29,886.75; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Mr. T. G. Weall: I am sure shareholders will have listened to the chairman's speech with great interest. Those shareholders who have been unable to be present should read it very carefully at their leisure. I have much pleasure in seconding the chairman's motion.

Other Business

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. E. G. Shawan, the retiring directors, to the Board proposed by Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. H. H. R. Frisby.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors for the current year at a fee of \$2,400—proposed by Mr. F. M. Joseph, seconded by Mr. F. M. Ellis.

Dividend warrants can be obtained as how at the company's registered office, the chairman announced.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS

(Continued From Page 1.)

The importance of effecting traffic improvement at the Star Ferry Approach has received considerable attention and as been the subject of numerous interviews and enquiries. The Government, we understand, has prepared many plans of this area but up to the present has not proceeded with the work.

Taiwan Beach

This beach has again proved very popular, and your Committee hope that their suggestions regarding the surfacing of the road on the North Side of Kowloon Docks will be given effect to and that a one-way thoroughfare for motor traffic will be available in the near future.

Street Lighting

Considerable attention has been paid to this important subject during the year and a marked improvement is apparent. For instance, the lamp standards have been removed from the centre of Nathan-road and pendant lights substituted. The old lamp standards have been re-erected along the side of Chatham-road thus doubling the illumination of that thoroughfare.

Contagious Disease in Kowloon

Your Committee has viewed with considerable apprehension the recent prevalence of small-pox in the Peninsula area and has taken energetic action to assist the authorities in preventing the spread of the epidemic.

All sections of the community are fully aware of the vital necessity of assisting in the work of prevention, and to this end, various members of your Committee who control large staffs have set an example by having them vaccinated; and this in turn has given confidence to very large numbers of Chinese who have voluntarily come forward for vaccination as may be judged by statistics published in the Press from time to time.

From information gathered by members of your Committee it was realised that some vigorous steps should be taken and a member of the Sanitary Board was requested to take the matter up at its next meeting. The outcome was not as satisfactory as might be desired but attention was drawn to certain "plague spots" which it is hoped will be cleaned up in the not too distant future.

Your Committee trust that Government will take some action against the occupiers of the insanitary premises used for the distribution of foodstuffs; although it is recognised that there are not sufficient public markets efficiently to satisfy requirements.

Postal Delays

The attention of the Postmaster General has been drawn to the delays experienced by Kowloon residents in the delivery of European mail.

The Postmaster General has stated that he is fully aware of the importance of prompt delivery but can promise no definite alteration in the present procedure. Your Committee is of the opinion that the authorities will have to consider the advisability of having the mails sorted on the Kowloon side of the harbour as it would result in a speeding up of deliveries. This opinion is based on the following considerations:—

- (1) Practically all foreign mails are discharged in Kowloon and, owing to bad weather, difficulty is often experienced in getting them to Hong Kong promptly.
- (2) During typhoon weather communication with Hong Kong is extremely difficult and the safety of mails is endangered.
- (3) Vessels arriving during the night could be cleared of mail before the following day and the mail sorted ready for first morning delivery.

Lighting (Increase of Voltage)

On receipt of a letter from a member of the Association, your Committee approached the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., on the subject of the wiring of lighting systems in Kowloon. An interesting explanation of the Company's procedure and grounds therefore followed, as a result of which your Committee were of the opinion that the regulations enforced by the China Light and Power Co. operated to the best interests of the consumer and the public generally, and that the enforcement of the regulations were necessary as a measure of public safety.

Funerals from Kowloon

The question of lack of suitable arrangements for the transport of deceased Kowloon residents across the harbour, has been brought to the notice of the Committee and Government, has been approached to provide an adequate launch service.

New Territories Agricultural Show

The interest displayed by the Committee in the activities of the New Territories Agricultural Show has been much appreciated and representatives have been appointed to represent the K.R.A. on the Show Committee. It is felt that this co-operation will be mutually

beneficial and will meet with the approval of our members.

Peninsula Hotel

A great stride in the growth of Kowloon was marked by the opening of this magnificent building and your Committee appreciated the invitation of its Directors to be present at the Official Reception. Our congratulations and good wishes were extended and duly acknowledged.

Roman Catholic Cemetery

Correspondence regarding this cemetery is reproduced.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

At the invitation of the S.C.P.A. to appoint a representative of the K.R.A. to a seat on their Society's Committee, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.O., was elected, and the co-operation thus extended will doubtless prove beneficial.

Telephones at Kowloon Tong

The question of the hardship felt by residents of Kowloon Tong in the matter of what are considered excessive telephone rates, was taken up with the Hong Kong Telephone Co. This concern insists on their inability to reduce the present charges, as their tariff is fixed by the Government and incorporated in the Telephone Ordinance of 1925.

Tsim Sha Tsui Pier

When this pier was closed for repair in August, 1927, Government was requested seriously to consider the question of providing a larger pier on the same site and also to increase facilities for the growing needs of the public by building a new pier in line with Nathan Road at a point between the Railway Station and Holt's Wharf which could be approached by a level crossing and a footbridge over the Railway.

The present public pier was rebuilt without any material alteration or additions but we still hope Government will be convinced of the advisability of providing another outlet for the increasing traffic.

Skating Rink

The Hon. Colonial Secretary was kind enough to request the Committee's views regarding a proposal to erect a Skating Rink off Chatham Road on the site of the Military Fuel and Forage Shed. Your Committee, whilst not opposing the project, considered the site undesirable as it was in a residential area and proposed a site further to the North. Nothing more having been heard of the project, we presume the promotion was unsuccessful.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ezra Abraham submits the following report of the accounts of the Association for the year 1928:—

Receipts

Subscriptions.—The amount collected from members was \$634 of which \$604 represent 1928 a/c.

During the year 31 new members joined the Association, one member rejoined, and the maximum number enrolled was 369 but on December 31 there was on the register only 334, the difference being accounted for as follows:—4 died, 9 resigned, 11 left the Colony and 11 struck off the list in compliance with Bye-law No. 14a.

Payments.—The total amount of expenditure was \$435.85; of this sum \$96 represent the cost of a set of Hong Kong Ordinances from 1844 to 1923 and one copy each for the years 1925/7. \$32 was paid for a filing cabinet for the use of the Hon. Secretary, leaving a balance of \$307.85 as against \$297.78 expended in 1927.

Balance.—The balance on hand on December 31, 1928, was \$1,285.82 as against the previous year's balance of \$1,042.67. A further sum of \$280 was placed on Fixed Deposit with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank during 1928.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. John Fleming, C.A., for auditing the accounts, free of charge.

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UNUSUAL CASE

RADIO INSTALLED WITHOUT
LICENCE
DEFENCE SUCCEEDSThe case was concluded before
Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the
Central Magistracy, this morning,
in which J. H. Cotton was sum-
moned for installing a radio
transmitting station at his re-
sidence in Kowloon, without a
licence.His Worship decided to dismiss
the summons against the defen-
dant. In doing so he said that
the charge must fail because he
was not satisfied that the defen-
dant had installed the outfit for
sending messages. He thought
that it was as the defendant had
stated in his defence that, having
applied for a transmitting licence,
he set about preparing the outfit
in the expectation that his ap-
plication for a permit would be
granted.It was just possible that the
parts produced as exhibits could
be used for sending messages, but
there was no evidence that defen-
dant had continued to construct
the outfit after his application for
a transmitting licence had been
refused. The fact that when the
outfit was seized the coil box was
found under a table and the tin
can used for a winder was found
elsewhere, destroyed the charge,
which was one of installing. The
outfit could not be said to have
been installed when the parts, al-
though they fitted, were not
found together. It looked more
as if the defendant had started to
dismantle the outfit after his ap-
plication for a transmitting
licence was refused.Notice Wanted in Future
Addressing Mr. Key, the Gov-
ernment Radio Engineer, who
conducted the prosecution, Mr.
Hamilton said, that although he
did not think a similar case would
come before him again, the prose-
cution should in future, before
bringing such cases, give him due
notice so that he could have an
expert with him on the bench.Cotton asked for permission to
take his parts back and his Wor-
ship granted the request, but
warned him to remove from his
outfit the parts that could be
used for transmission. If he failed
to do that and was brought up
again it would be no use for him
to raise the same defence that he
had started to instal the trans-
mitting station whilst awaiting
the outcome of his application for
a licence, which would not be
granted.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"To-day — W. R. Banvard's New
Musical Comedy Co., in "Ok Kay"
at Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.To-day—Harmston's Circus, Praya
East Reclamation, 9.15 p.m.To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Love"
To-day—World Theatre, Lights
of the Broadway" (5 and 9.15 p.m.)
Chinese picture (2.30 and 7.15
p.m.); also Max Pickmann, the
magician an entertainer, at all
shows.To-day—Star Theatre, "Sunrise."
To-day — Majestic Theatre;
"Venus of Venice"To-day — Hong Kong Amateur
Dramatic Club presents "On Ap-
proval," at the Theatre Royal.Feb. 23—International dance
display at Club de Recreio, King's
Park, 4 p.m.Feb. 23—Star Theatre; Banvard
Musical Comedy Co., in "Tip Toes,"
5 p.m.Lammerts' Auctions
To-day—At Sales Room, a valu-
able collection of Postage stamps,
5.15 p.m.Feb. 23—At Sales Room, 6 cases
butter, noon.Sports
Feb. 24—Famling Paper, Hunt,
starting from Sousa's Bungalow, 11
a.m.Feb. 25, 26, 27 & Mar. 2—Hong
Kong Jockey Club Annual Race
Meeting.Feb. 28—Meeting of H.K.V.D.C.
Sergeants' Mess Committee, 6 p.m.Feb. 23—Further extraordinary
meeting of shareholders of Hong
Kong & Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, City Hall, 12.45 p.m.Feb. 23—Ninth yearly meeting of
Kowloon Residents' Association, in
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon,
6 p.m.Feb. 23 — Thirty-third yearly
meeting of the Dairy Farm Ice &
Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2 Lower
Albert-rd., noon.March 13—Fortieth annual meet-
ing of Green Island Cement Co.,
Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater-rd.,
noon.Miscellaneous
To-day — H.K.V.D.C. Annual in-
spection at Murray Parade ground,
5.50 p.m.Feb. 23—Laying of Foundation
stone of the Kowloon branch of
Chinese Y.M.C.A.Feb. 24—Y.M.C.A. Kowloon,
Quiet hour, 9 p.m.Feb. 26—At Kowloon Y.M.C.A.
"Talk on China," 8.30 p.m.

COAL DISPUTE

CRISIS IN AUSTRALIAN
INDUSTRY
GOVERNMENT INTERVENECanberra, Yesterday.
The Federal Government has in-
tervened in the dispute in the New
South Wales Collieries, owners of
which have issued dismissal notices
to 10,000 miners, following the
refusal of the Trade Unions to ac-
cept the proposals of Premier Bavin
for the rehabilitation of the indus-
try.Royal Commission Appointed
The Prime Minister, Mr. S. M.
Bruce, speaking to the representa-
tives, announced the appointment of
a Royal Commission to investigate
the Position of the Australian coal
Industry similarly to that of Mr.
Baldwin in Great Britain in 1925.Mr. Bruce stated that coal exports
had declined by 600,000 tons
during the past three years and that
production had dropped by
2,000,000 tons.Reduction Suggested
Canberra, Yesterday.
Mr. Bruce said that it was im-
perative to reduce the selling price
of coal by five shillings a ton.—
Reuter.

"LOVE GIFT"

AIMEE MACPHERSON AND A
JUDGE

TO BE IMPEACHED

Sacramento, Yesterday.
The Legislative Assembly of
California has decided, on the re-
commendation of the Committee of
Investigation, to impeach Judge
Hardy.—Reuter.[Questioned by the committee of
Investigation on January 30 in re-
gard to his acceptance of \$2,500
from Mrs. Aimee MacPherson,
which she described as a "love
gift," Judge Hardy said that the
contribution was a surprise to him.
He was not a member of the
"Temple" but had been closely al-
lied with it. He never acted as
counsel for Aimee or her mother
and when consulted by them ad-
vised the employment of counsel.]

BRITISH TRADE

ON CREDIT SIDE FOR THE
PAST YEARLondon, Yesterday.
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Presi-
dent of the Board of Trade, speak-
ing at a dinner given by the Cham-
ber of Shipping of the United
Kingdom, said that the Board of
Trade estimated that the trade
balance for the past year was ap-
proximately £150,000,000 on the
credit side.—Reuter.

TACNA ARICA

HOARY DISPUTE AT
LAST SETTLEDSantiago de Chile, Yesterday.
The Governments of Peru and
Chile have settled the 46-year-old
Tacna Arica controversy by which
the province of Tacna goes to Peru
while Arica, the port of Tacna, goes
to Chile.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

NATIVES' RIGHTS

BILL PASSES SECOND READING
IN CAPE TOWNCape Town, Yesterday.
The Coloured Persons Rights Bill
has been read a second time at a
joint session of both Houses.—
Reuter.

LINDBERGH'S JOB

ADVISER TO DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCEWashington, Yesterday.
Colonel Charles Lindbergh has
been appointed Technical Adviser to
the aeronautical branch of the De-
partment of Commerce.—Reuter's
American Service.Paris, Yesterday.—M. Pacque-
ment, whose extradition was refused
by the Swiss Government because he
was a Swiss citizen, has voluntarily
surrendered to the French au-
thorities.—Reuter.

CHARGE REDUCED

PETERSEN NOT GUILTY OF
MANSLAUGHTER
LAST CASE AT SESSIONSAfter leave had been given by his
Honour the Pulvis Judge (Mr.
Justice Wood) to reduce the charge
of murder, Louis Petersen, a seaman
on the American ship "Royal
Arrow" was found "not guilty" of
the manslaughter of John Zetter-
burg, an oiler on the same ship, at
Laichikok on Jan. 18, the day of the
vessel's arrival from California.Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant
Attorney General) applied after the
tiffin adjournment yesterday, and in
view of the medical evidence, for
the reduction of the charge.
Bernson, another of the crew,
was principal witness for the
Crown.Direction to Jury
On the conclusion of his evidence,
his Lordship pointed out that the
case for the Crown rested entirely
on the evidence of Bernson. He
thought at that stage the jury
should consider the evidence of
Bernson and find from it whether
Petersen did strike Zetterburg.The jury had a brief consultation
and announced that they were not
prepared to convict on the evidence
of Bernson.His Lordship: That means that
you will not hear any more evidence
and return a verdict of "not guilty."
Petersen was then discharged.The jury comprised Messrs.:—W.
Borrowman (foreman), W. E. Hale,
R. E. H. Oliver, L. V. Anderson,
S. A. Lopes, L. A. Rozario, A.
Wheeler.Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by
Mr. O. E. C. Marton) defended.
Det. Inspector L. P. Lane was in
charge of the case.This was the last case in the
February Criminal Sessions.

ONE MONTH'S JAIL

A CONSTABLE CONVICTED
OF BRIBERY

APPEAL PROBABLE

At the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith
convicted the Indian constable
charged with "misconduct" on three
counts as follows:—(1) entering a tailor's shop at
No. 31, Haiphong-road without a
warrant; (2) attempting to obtain
a bribe of 40 cents from the in-
mates; and (3) larceny of 70 cents
from one of the inmates.The conviction was recorded on
the first and second counts only, the
one of larceny not being proceeded
with.In passing sentences of 14 days on
the first count and one month's hard
labour on the second, the two terms
to run concurrently, his Worship
remarked that he regarded the two
charges as one offence.Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for the
defence, intimated that it was pos-
sible an application would be made
for review of sentence or for his
Worship to state a case in the event
of an appeal.

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but more to the lads in blue and the lads in khaki stationed
out here. All that has been done for the sailors and soldiers
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through the valued assistance of the ladies. This week's
"Overland China Mail" — the only illustrated weekly summary
of "local" and "China" news — throws considerable light on
how the ladies have "done their bit" since the Shanghai
Defence Force first landed in the Colony.The Criminal Sessions have witnessed the trial of Pte.
Boyle, of the K.O.S.B. who pleaded guilty to wounding a ser-
geant on the voyage to Colombo. Sentence was deferred.There has been a chapter of mishaps to shipping, including
an attack by bandits, on the Yangtze and the West River,
details of which cannot but interest the folk at Home.Several Company meetings are reported, disclosing the
better commercial position of the Colony during the past twelve
months, with prospects of better things to come — good news
for those with relatives at Home.A double invasion of the Colony has been made by world
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[By "Rover"]

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Division I—kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Queen's Regiment v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Holland.
Navy v. Kowloon, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Smith.
Club de Recreo v. Police, King's Park—referee, B.S.M. Kerslake, R.N.
Small Units v. South China, Kowloon A.F.C. ground—referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.
H.K.F. Club v. K.O.S.B., Club ground, Happy Valley—referee, Captain Austin, M.M., M.C., R.A.

Division II—kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Navy v. Club de Recreo, Navy ground, Happy Valley—referee, Mr. Ip Kau-ko.
R.A. v. South China "B", Chinese ground, Happy Valley—referee, A. B. Hatwell, R.N.
K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Mose.
R.A.F. v. South China "A", Recreo ground, referee, Mr. Gibbon.
Queen's Regiment v. Chinese Athletic, St. Joseph's ground—referee, Mr. Stokess.
Eastern v. Small Units, Caroline Hill—referee, Pte. Lamb.

The Big Match

The big match is at Sookumpoo where the Queen's Regiment, who now appear right back in their old form will meet the Athletic. On the last occasion, the Queen's won a fine match by 3-1, and on form should stand a good chance to-morrow for full points. The Athletic, however, are keen on obtaining the points also, as a win would very greatly strengthen their chances for the League Championship where they at present occupy a strong position. I fancy the Queen's but the result should be a close one.

At Caroline Hill, Kowloon meet the Navy, and the latter can field a strong XI. The Navy as expected, with the Fleet in port, can field a big side, and I do not think that we have yet seen the strongest Naval eleven out. With only the "Berwick" away, however, the Navy will have difficulty to select their team, and will be forced to stand down good men; Barkham, McGregor, Baker, Tilley, Jones, Evans, Kernick, Peacock, have not all yet played together in a League match, and certainly Kowloon look to have a stiff hurdle. The latter are good fighters, and drew with a strong Naval team in the previous meeting. I am inclined to think that the Navy will secure both points to-morrow with a bit in hand.

The other Hong Kong match is at the H.K. Football Club ground where the Club meet their old friends, the Borderers. The Club have lost Goldman, the opportunist, and the Borderers are playing well. Two points for the Borderers appear to be probable but the Club are capable always of creating a surprise. This should be a fine sporting match, with the Borderers favourites. Much will depend on the Club forwards' ability to secure a goal as their defence is good.

Kowloon is favoured with two matches. The Small Units v. South China will be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground. South China will have to be on top of their form to win the points, although they should get home. The League leaders have led one or two reverses recently, which

should accustom them to playing an uphill game. Small Units in the last match at Caroline Hill lost only by the odd goal in three after a hard match. To-morrow's game will attract a big following, and should be worth seeing. South China are playing a couple of new men, who have shown good form in trial games.

The other Kowloon match is at King's Park, where Club de Recreo meet the Police, these two teams also having to meet in the second round of the shield on March 16 on the same ground. I hear that Gosano is a very doubtful starter owing to injuries of which he has received a considerable number this season. The Police are strong all round and should at least get a point, as their form for the last few weeks has been consistent. In view of their forthcoming visit to Shanghai for the Police Interport Sports including football, the side at present is in good trim, and if they do not win outright, appear too strong for the Portuguese to spoil their fine run of winning matches recently. A draw is a likely result.

The Second Division programme is also interesting. The Navy will strengthen their position at the top of the table with a win over Club de Recreo. The Queen may have to fight hard against the Chinese Athletic to win, which they did in the last match.

The Second Division winners should be the Navy, R.A., K.O.S.B., R.A.F., the Queen's Regiment, and Small Units.

League Tables

The League tables to date are as follows:—

First Division			
Team	P.	W.	D.
Queen's	14	9	2
S. China	13	9	2
Police	14	8	3
Athletic	12	7	4
K.O.S.B.	12	6	2
R.A.	12	6	0
Navy	12	5	1
Recreo	13	4	3
Kowloon	13	3	5
H.K.F.C.	12	2	4
Small Units	14	0	0

Second Division			
Team	P.	W.	D.
Royal Navy	14	12	1
K.O.S.B.	14	11	1
Queen's	13	10	2
Athletic	11	8	1
R.A.F.	16	6	2
St. Joseph's	16	6	2
S. China "B"	15	6	2
Kowloon	14	5	4
Eastern	13	3	4
R.A.	14	4	2
Recreo	15	4	2
S. China "A"	16	1	7
Small Units	17	3	1

The Shanghai Interport footballers completed a busy week and departed from the Colony on Tuesday last. The Interport game was a pleasant change from the usual Saturday League matches, and judging by the large crowds, was much appreciated. Certainly the Shanghai team put in a great week of energetic sporting engagements and equally energetic social activities. I was much impressed by the performances of the old brigade in Palmer, Wilson, Gash, Costa, and Favacho, whilst Fote-Hunt and Palmer of the more recent teams also showed Interport form. Duffey, Stokes, Turner, Sinclair, Wright, Jones, Moore, and Reid all showed their paces, and should figure in further Interport matches as Shanghai were a very capable lot.

The usual monthly Council meeting of the Football Association, owing to pressure of Interport business, has been postponed from Tuesday, 26th inst., to Friday, March 1.

The next round of the Shield Competition takes place on Saturday, March 16.

Small Units v. South China will be played on the Kowloon Foot-

FOOTBALL AT HOME

LEICESTER DEFEAT CARDIFF IN LEAGUE

A SCOTTISH CORRECTION

London, Yesterday. Playing at home in the First Division of the English League Leicester defeated Cardiff by 2-0.

The match between Ayr United and Kilmarnock mentioned in yesterday's cablegram as a First Division match was only a second eleven match and, therefore, should not be taken into account in the First Division League table.—Reuter.

AMENDED TABLES

English League—First Division

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	23	15	8	5	57	39	38
Sunderland	23	15	8	9	72	48	38
Blackburn	23	15	5	8	55	35	35
Aston Villa	23	15	3	9	57	55	35
Leicester	23	13	7	8	45	49	33
Derby	23	14	5	10	40	45	33
Leeds	23	13	6	9	50	32	32
Huddersfield	23	12	6	10	57	39	30
Everton	23	13	3	12	45	44	29
Newcastle	23	12	4	14	49	59	28
Bolton	23	11	6	12	53	50	28
Liverpool	23	10	7	11	62	48	27
Arsenal	23	9	9	10	45	47	27
Manchester C.	23	10	7	12	62	47	27
Sheffield U.	23	10	6	13	63	64	26
West Ham	23	10	6	12	58	55	26
Burnley	23	11	3	15	57	80	25
Birmingham	23	10	5	12	50	56	25
Bury	23	9	3	14	40	55	22
Cardiff	23	7	8	15	32	41	22
Manchester U.	23	9	6	14	40	61	21
Portsmouth	23	10	0	17	35	69	20

Scottish League

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	25	23	2	0	80	20	48
Hearts	25	18	4	7	77	36	40
Motherwell	25	17	7	5	64	39	39
Celtic	25	15	5	15	44	31	35
Aberdeen	25	13	5	11	62	52	31
Kilmarnock	25	12	5	11	62	52	29
Partick T.	25	12	4	10	68	48	28
St. Mirren	25	11	6	11	51	58	28
St. Johnstone	25	10	8	10	42	53	28
Falkirk	27	12	4	11	55	61	28
Hibernians	23	11	6	12	41	41	27
Queen's Park	25	10	5	11	72	57	25
Cowdenbeath	29	11	5	15	44	53	25
Third Lanark	29	9	5	15	55	68	23
Ayr	27	8	6	18	50	63	22
Dundee	27	8	5	14	45	48	21
Clyde	28	8	4	16	39	56	20
Hamilton	27	7	16	14	35	60	20
Airdrie	27	7	3	17	32	53	17
Raith R.	27	5	4	18	34	81	14

RUGBY FOOTBALL

H.K.F.C. TEAM TO PLAY H.M.S. "KENT"

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club (Rugby section) against H.M.S. "Kent" at Happy Valley to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

A. J. Walkinshaw; D. Coppin, G. A. L. Plummer, V. H. Koop, S. J. H. Fox; M. G. Mills, F. A. Merry; W. R. Andrews, A. R. Cox, Laidlaw, J. A. E. Kendrew, D. Milne-Day, W. Leckie, P. L. P. Thomas, and H. F. Akehurst.

SWIMMING

ARNE BORG BEATS HIS OWN RECORD

FEAT AT BRISBANE

Brisbane, Yesterday. Arne Borg swam 1,000 yards in 11 mins. 25 2/5 secs, thus beating his own world record by 21 2/5 secs.—Reuter.

ball Club ground at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

Kowloon 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st League Match at Caroline Hill at 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon:—Angus; Robson, Pile; Downman, Easterbrook, Dunnett; Eastman, Hedley, Spary, Miles, and Baldwin.
Reserve: Davies.

Kowloon Reserves v. K.O.S.B. Res. 2nd League Match at Sookumpoo at 2.45 p.m.

Kowloon:—Angus; Moore, Hast; Davies, Campbell, Nicholls; Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan, and Blacklock.

Reserves: Waddington, Seddon, and White.

BOXING

INTER-REGIMENTAL BOUTS COMMENCE

BEDFS. AND HERTS' LEAD

The first round of the Inter-regimental boxing tournament was staged last night at Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon, before a large attendance including many military officers and civilians.

Ten bouts were fought, four of which ended in a knock out.

Only three regiments entered a team—the K.O.S.B., the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and the Somersetshire L.I. The Queen's Royal Regiment and the Royal Artillery only entered individual fighters. Points scored last night were:—Bedfs. and Herts. 7, and the K.O.S.B. and the Somerset L.I., 5 each.

THE RESULTS

The full results of last night's bouts are as follows:—

Middleweights
Pte. Newberry (Bedfs. and Herts.) scored a technical knock out over Pte. Baulch (Somerset L.I.).
L/Cpl. Woodhouse (Somerset L.I.) knocked out Gunner Rouse (R.A.).

Lightweights
Cpl. Pithers (Bedfs. and Herts.) knocked out L/Cpl. Finlayson (K.O.S.B.) in the third round.

Featherweight
Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Batchelor (Bedfs. and Herts.) in first round.

Pte. Palmer (Somerset L.I.) won on points over Pte. Forster (Bedfs. and Herts.).

L/Cpl. Palmer (K.O.S.B.) defeated Pte. Packwood (Queen's) on points.

Welterweight
Pte. Battle (Bedfs. and Herts.) defeated Pte. Reans (Somerset L.I.) on points.

Lightweights
L/Cpl. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) defeated Pte. Frith (Bedfs. and Herts.) on points.

Pte. Wood (Bedfs. and Herts.) defeated Bdm. Higgs (K.O.S.B.) on points.

Cpl. Webb (Queen's) defeated L/Cpl. Williams (Somerset L.I.) on points.

CRICKET

H.K.C.C. TEAMS CHOSEN FOR TO-MORROW

The H.K.C.C. team to play against the Royal Navy, on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow, at 2 p.m., will be: H. R. B. Hancock (captain), J. L. Bonnar, A. C. I. Bowker, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, A. W. Hayward, Lt.-Col. L. J. Lightfoot, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. Owen Hughes, H. V. Parker, the Rev. E. K. Quick, and C. D. Wales. Reserve: Capt. A. N. Evers.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI to meet the Royal Navy at King's Park at 2 p.m., will be:

A. H. Gillingham (captain), E. R. Duckitt, G. E. R. Divett, K. H. Butler, L. A. B. Duncan, A. Reid, W. A. H. Maxwell, H. J. Armstrong, J. A. Summers, J. E. Hancock, and G. R. Vallack.

University Team
The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the R.A.S.C. to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp on the University ground:—

A. Baker (captain), Dr. M. B. Osman, S. R. Kernan, V. H. Barma, A. Chan Fook, A. B. Suleiman, K. T. Loke, G. E. Yeoh, A. A. Aziz, D. Roy, and K. P. Gan.

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LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS IN TOURNAMENT GAME

OPEN EVENTS

Several matches were decided yesterday in the Open Championship events in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament.

Honda and Akiyama met the Luk Brothers in the first round of the Open Doubles, and won easily.

Cheng Chi-wing, who ran Mr. Sze-kwong to five sets last year, beat Ralton easily in the Open Singles.

RESULTS

Open Singles
J. Barrow beat R. F. Jones 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
Cheng Chi-wing beat E. Ralton 6-0, 6-0, 6-3.

Open Doubles
T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES
Open Singles
T. Honda v. E. D. Lawrence.
M. W. Lo v. I. M. Razack.
L. Hale v. F. Gross.
Wong Hing v. Chan So.

Open Doubles
Pay-Comdr. A. H. Payne and Pay-Lt.-Comdr. Herbert v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.

Club Signals
C. E. Holmes v. G. W. Sewell.
Handicap Singles "A"
N. L. H. Ralton (scr.) v. W. L. Dunbar (scr.).

Successor to Tex



Col. John S. Hammond, vice-president of Madison Square Garden, is temporarily, at least, successor to the "Dean" of boxing promoters, the late Tex Rickard. The Colonel has been given charge of activities until a permanent general manager is selected.

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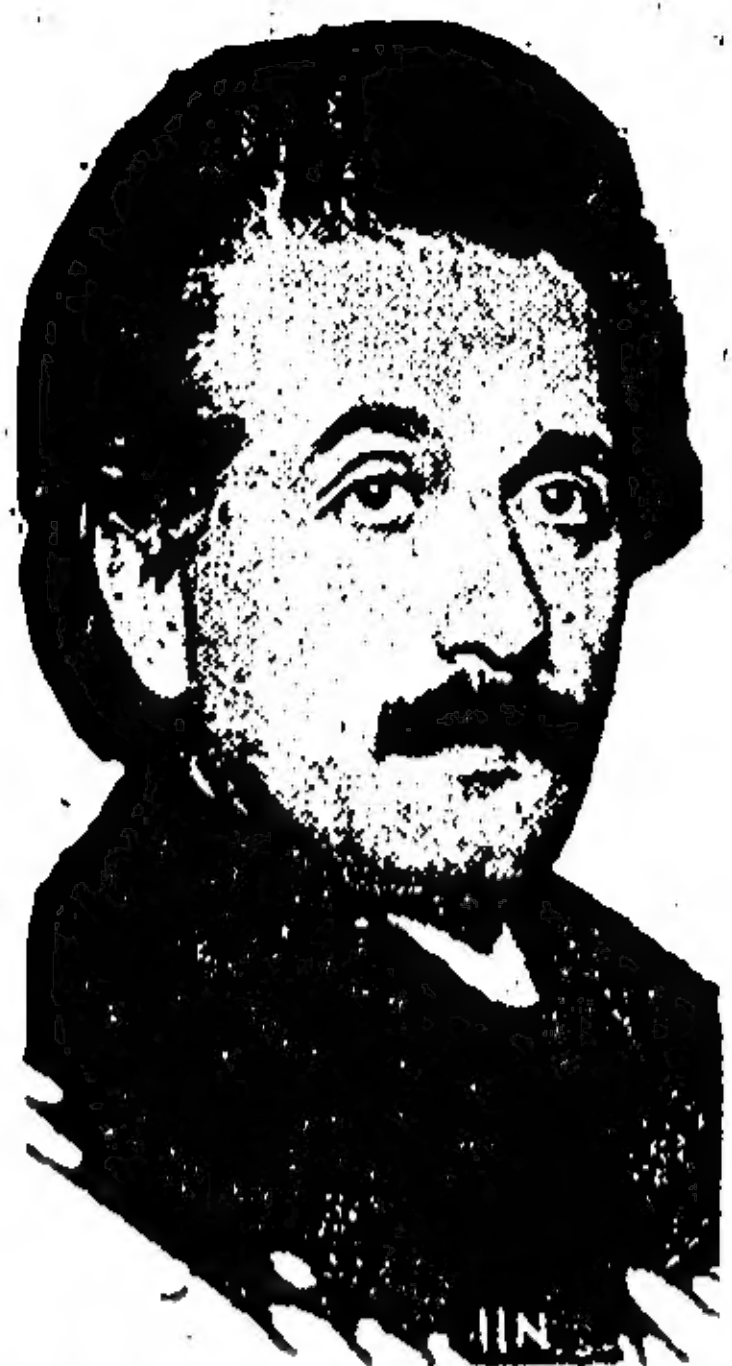
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To Mrs. Shellshear

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Has New Theory



Professor Albert Einstein, famous German scientist, who has just announced a theory dealing with the problem of amalgamating pure mechanics and electro-dynamics. The work is contained in a "book" of but five pages, which required 10 years in preparation. The distinguished German believes it will revolutionise man's conception of the universe.

Killer-Suicide



Photo shows Pietro de Piao, of Camden, N.J., who, angered by an argument with his niece, Annie Bongiorno, 16, seized a pistol and shot her to death, shot and wounded her father, George Bongiorno, then turned the weapon on himself and sent a bullet through his brain. De Piao is alleged to have been infatuated with his niece.

Last Rites for Air Victim



Photo shows last rites for Lieutenant H. R. Angell, pilot of the army transport plane which crashed at Royalton, Pa., and caused the death of eight men. The craft was so wrecked that the authorities were unable to determine the cause of the tragedy.

Inherits Mistress' Fortune



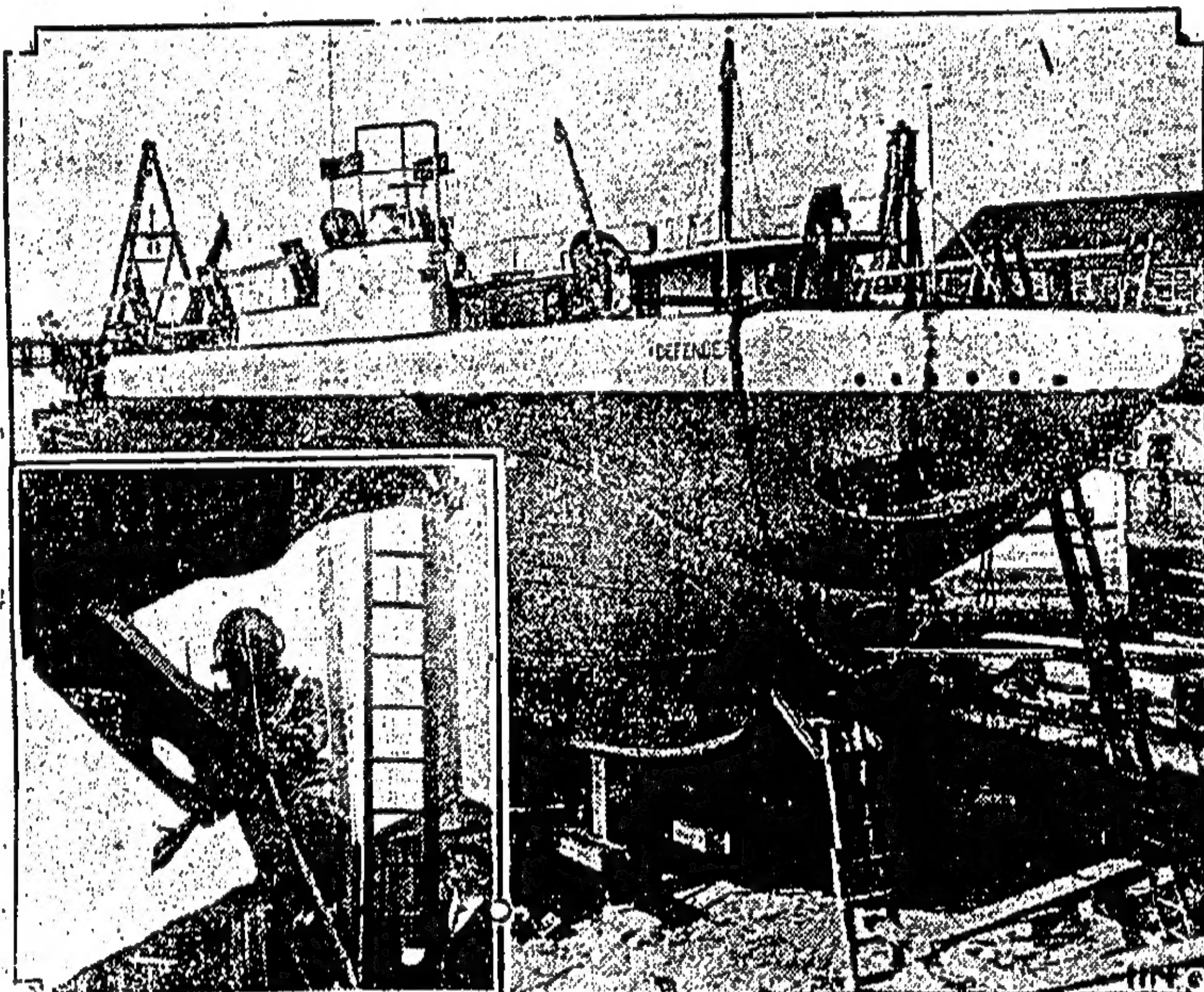
When the will of the late Minnie M. Hoover, of Los Angeles, Cal., was offered for probate, it was discovered that she had bequeathed a sum of \$5,000 to "Dick" (above), her black, and white Llewellyn setter. The dog's mistress named a friend, Mrs. Emma Foster, of South Pasadena, as "Dick's" guardian and disbursing agent.

To Discuss Kellogg Peace Plan



Carrying the woman's viewpoint to the august floor of the United States Senate is the task assigned to Miss Josephine Schain (left), secretary of the National Conference on the Cause and Cure for War; Mrs. George D. Ford, publicity director of the same organization, and Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the W. C. T. U., who, under the leadership of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, have made a canvass of the country's women on the treaty.

"Plot" Halts Submarine Tests



Second of a series of submarine tests off Bridgeport, Conn., have been stopped by the Navy following discovery of a severed hawser aboard the "Defender" (above) built by Simon Lake and Capt. Sloan Dunenhower for deep sea salvage work. Officers of board of inquiry state that had the "accident" not been discovered, eight members of the "Defender's" crew would have perished on the bottom of the ocean. Inset, diver entering compressed air chamber as Mr. Lake looks on.

Propeller Pff-ft!



Plucky Neve Estelle Finlay Paris, of Great Neck, L. I., doesn't mind a little thing like losing her prop in mid-air. She calmly shut off the motor and glided to a vacant field on the outskirts of Hempstead. She's shown being congratulated by Bill Winston, manager of Curtis Field, L. I.

Deputy Sheriff



Mrs. Eleanor D. Robinson has entered upon her duties as deputy sheriff in office of Sheriff L. M. Hutton, Jr., of Tampa, Fla. She is her chief's mother-in-law and her commission was signed as his first official act.

Sister Of Ex-Kaiser



A recent portrait of Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, sister of the ex-Kaiser, and wife of the young Russian adventurer, Sukkov, who was banished from Germany to Luxembourg. Princess Victoria is planning a lecture tour to tell the story of her life.

Afghan Ex-King's Troubles



Plump King Amanullah (upper right) couldn't force modern ways upon his people and so was forced to flee his capital in an aeroplane. Upper left, a column of Afghan cavalry. Below, Queen Souriya, whose Paris clothes caused most of the trouble, and a girl wearing one of the veils which the king wanted to abandon.

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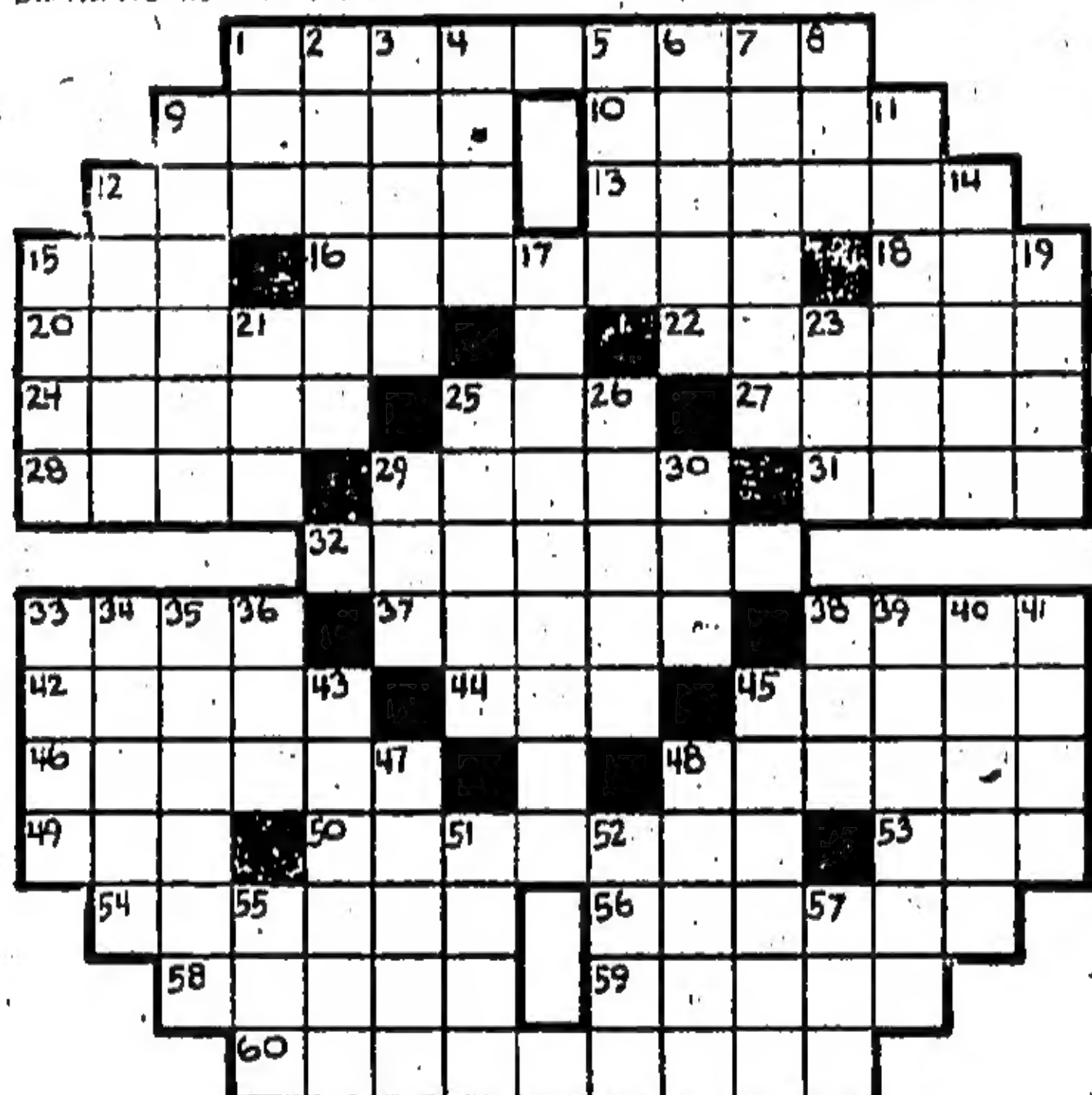
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Columbian
- 2-Author of Lalla Rookh
- 10-The divine creative Word (Theol.)
- 12-Belt
- 13-Type of cannon
- 14-Morose
- 16-Fashionable dreamer
- 18-The populace
- 20-One who longs for eagerly
- 22-Raw material
- 24-Gave a side glance
- 25-Swab
- 27-Part of window frame (pl.)
- 28-Occident
- 29-Warble
- 31-For fear that
- 32-One who manages awkwardly
- 33-State of nervous anxiety
- 37-Clock faces
- 38-Imitate
- 42-One who applies lubricants
- 44-Some

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Ornament a surface with bits of material
- 48-Barbers
- 48-Undivided
- 49-Pix
- 50-Bundles
- 53-Meridian (abbr.)
- 54-Deduce
- 55-Damages
- 55-Heaps of drifted sand
- 59-Ulcers
- 60-Scattered

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Boat
- 14-Enwraps
- 15-Boat with square ends
- 17-Not produced by living organisms
- 19-Utmost endeavor
- 21-Retired soldier (abbr.)
- 23-Feet pain
- 25-Strong desire
- 26-Parrot
- 28-Food rechewed
- 30-French pronoun
- 32-Drunkards
- 34-Weary
- 35-Puffed up
- 36-Marry
- 38-Entomology (abbr.)
- 39-Regions
- 40-Timid rodent (pl.)
- 41-Hearing of legal causes
- 43-Be unhappy
- 45-Make sure
- 47-Preserves
- 48-Joint of body
- 51-Remainder
- 52-Facility
- 55-Erase by friction
- 57-Latin for "but"

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



LOIS MORAN in "Sharp Shooters," a William Fox attraction, to be shown locally next week.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Mr. C. H. Dakers, a former Protectorate officer, has returned to that department as Assistant Protector, and his place on the Third Police Court bench has been taken by the acting Second Police Magistrate, Mr. W. N. Gurney. Mr. C. Wilson from Tientsin has assumed duties as Second Police Magistrate.

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

"SHARP SHOOTERS"

THRILLING PICTURE COMING TO QUEEN'S

Playing the role of a fighting seaman, in the new Fox film "Sharp Shooters," which will be shown at the Queen's on Sunday and Monday, George O'Brien has the most unusual role of his career. Unlike his portrayal in "Sunrise," O'Brien's new part gives him quite a different colour. He is now a two-fisted happy-go-lucky sailor who meets with many thrilling adventures during his "Tour" of the world. In Morocco, he meets a beautiful dancing girl and complications ensue when he falls in love with her. Many exciting scenes are enacted before the final climax which has been cleverly directed to give the utmost effect. Lois Moran, Joseph Swickard and many other well-known players appear in the large supporting cast.



Hope Hampton, who abandoned the silver screen for the opera. She sings in "La Boheme" in Philadelphia this month.

ORGAN POPULAR

MUSICAL EDUCATION IN AMERICA

The popularity of the organ in America is surprising. Church, concert hall, and movie theatre vie with one another in the possession of large, intricate instruments, and organ recitals on serious lines attract as much attention as do the sensational stunts to be heard at the movies, with the console electrically raised temporarily into full view, and the organist refulgent with coloured spot-lights. Mr. Farnham, one of the most brilliant and sound players in New York churches, told Mr. W. G. Whittaker, of Newsweek-on-Tyde, of audiences in now halls out west which ranged from 5,000 to 10,000.

In the field of general education, says Mr. Whittaker, America outstrips in endeavour and organization, the whole of the rest of the world. Everywhere one hears of new schemes, fresh mechanical aids to tuition, conferences, committees, pamphlets, detailed school instruction, books, and what not. Recently, Mr. Percy Scholes, the well-known writer on musical education matters and former critic for the "Observer," was invited to attend a conference of music supervisors in Chicago, numbering 3,000 souls. At the inaugural breakfast a pamphlet of friendly messages from British musicians was distributed, and a reciprocal scheme is being

formed for an annual conference of English and American music teachers to be held in the summer in some Continental resort, the first to take place in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dr. Whittaker admits that while possibly we have the advantage of a more uniform and a higher general standard—and certainly the blessings of a fine tradition—we can learn greatly from America's superior organization and detail. The scheme ought to be fruitful, musically, to say nothing of influencing political relations of the two peoples. There are definite sections dedicated to: (1) Elementary school music; (2) secondary school music; (3) training college and university music; (4) church music; (5) vocal and choral training; (6) school orchestral work. There will be general lectures as well.

There is opportunity indeed for the ordinary university student and school pupil to become acquainted with the principles which help to an understanding of good music. Music is accepted in all educational circles as a necessary part of culture, while at home it is lighting a long and often discouraging battle. American ideas of education may strike a European as experimental and oft-times superficial, but there is no gainsaying the openness of mind and willingness to cast the net wide and far. One man said to me: "Whatever young people learn will come in useful some day, whenever their vocation." One sometimes longs for this attitude in the more rigid circles in the Old Country. America may be accused of commercialism, but its general trend in education is far divergent from this line.

There is always a big question for speculation as to how many of the world's geniuses owe their recognition to accident forcing them along the path totally opposite to the one their own inclinations would have had them take. The world might never have been enriched by the suave melodies of Schumann if he had not broken a nerve of the fourth finger of his right hand through over-practising in an endeavour to become one of the great piano virtuosos of the day.

Miss Maud McCarthy, the brilliant Irish Australian, can easily be classed in this category. Miss McCarthy began life a violinist, and had just reached the stage, after years of study and struggle, which all artists have to pass through when she was forced to abandon all idea of continuing her career.



As soon as her divorce from Rudolph Cameron becomes effective in June, Anita Stewart (above), famous movie actress, will become the bride of George Peabody Converse, a New York banker. The announcement was made in San Francisco by Miss Stewart.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

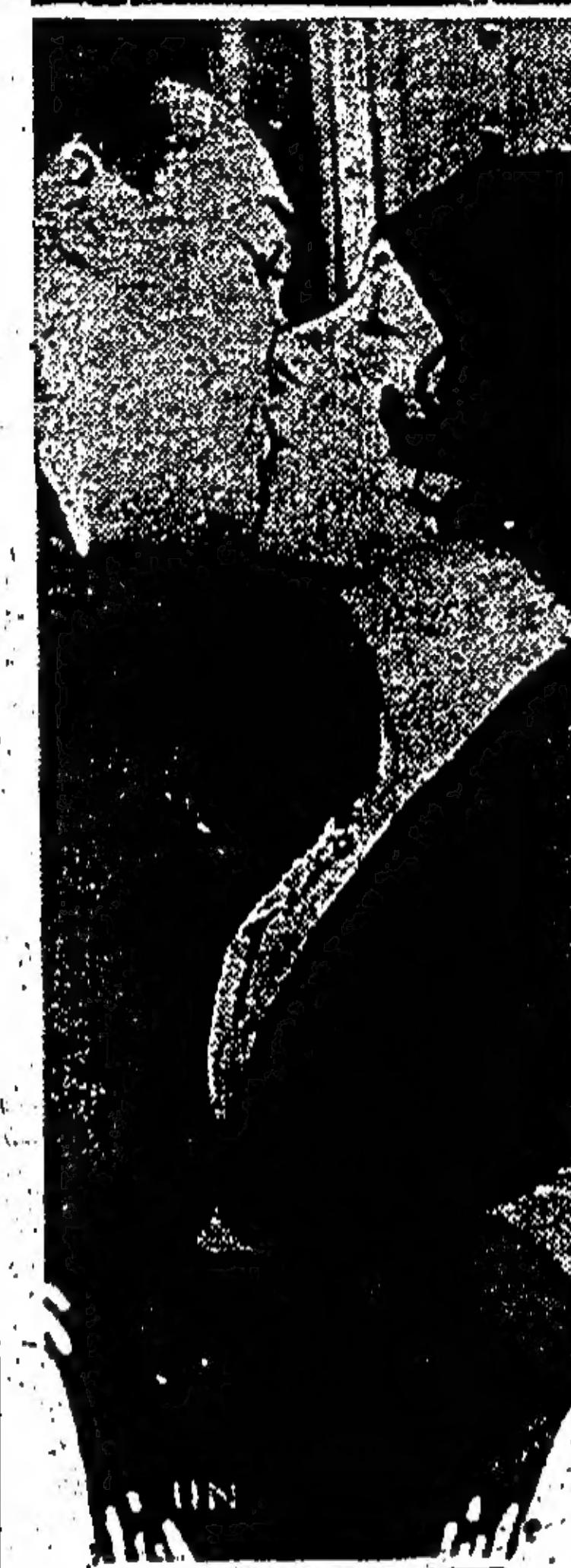
ACTRESS KILLED IN JUMP FROM PLANE

London, Jan. 25. The dangers to which film actors and actresses are often exposed during the course of their duties, has again been emphasised by a terrible tragedy which occurred at Hollywood yesterday.

During the production of a film featuring the Atlantic flier, Miss Ruth Elder, Miss Lena Withart, a Hollywood film star, who was acting as a substitute for Miss Elder, leaped out of an aeroplane, ostensibly to escape from her "kidnapper."

To the horror of the onlookers the actress's parachute failed to open, and she fell to the earth like a stone. The pilot of the aeroplane made a desperate but unsuccessful effort to catch the falling body in the cockpit of his machine, narrowly escaping collision with a Hollywood skyscraper.

Miss Withart's body was found on the roof of a house, reduced to pulp.



When the Marquis Henri de la Falaise—"Gash"—to his Hollywood friends—left for New York to sail for Paris, there were rumours that the de la Falaise-Swanson romances had gone on the rocks. But this doesn't look like it. Photo shows the beautiful Gloria bidding her husband good-bye at the station.

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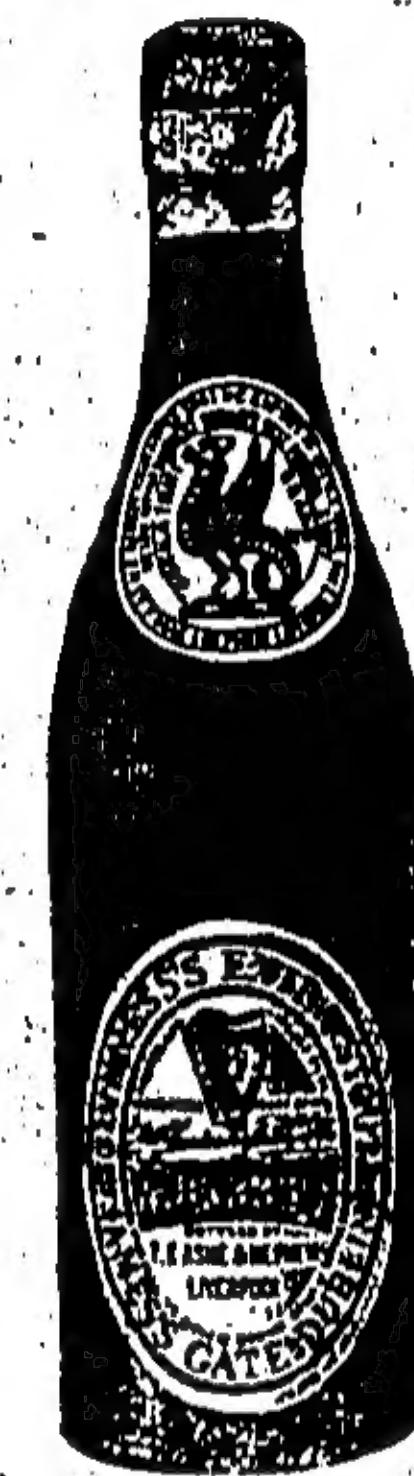
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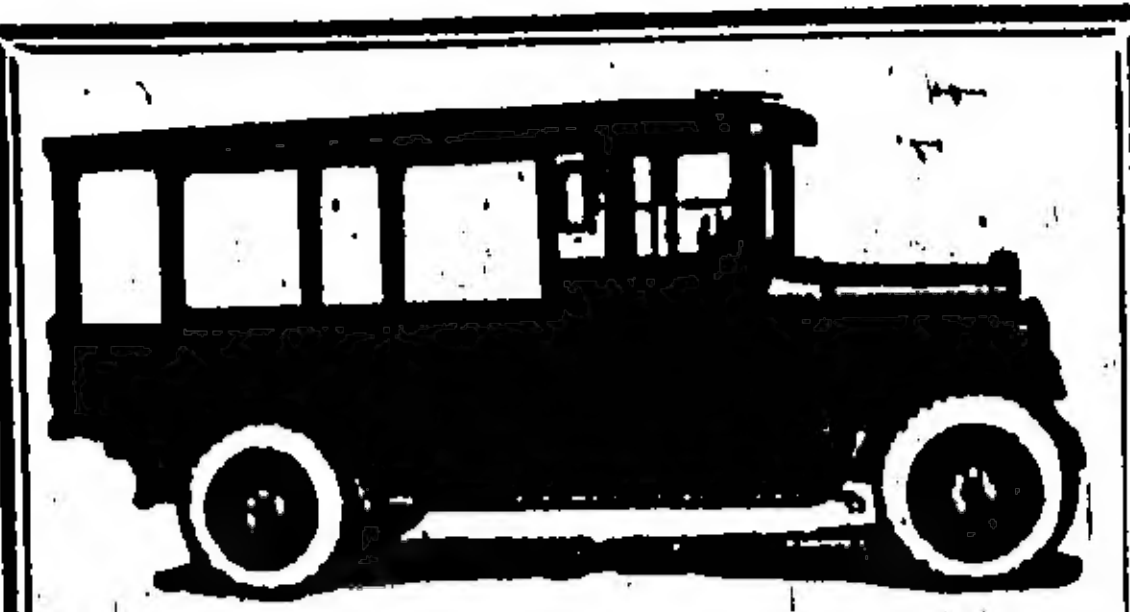
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Straits	24.	Mirzapore
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Shanghai	26.	Compiegne
Saigon	27.	Andre Lebon
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To	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.
Manila	3.30 p.m.	Empress of Russia
Haiphong	3.30 p.m.	Tonkin
Saigon	3.30 p.m.	Pongtong
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Shanghai	1.30 p.m.	Ninghai
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Saigon	3.30 p.m.	Kronviken
Manila	5 p.m.	Ruth Alexander
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	5 p.m.	Limchow
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Holhow	9 a.m.	Kwangtung
Shanghai, Dairen and Europe via Siberia	9 a.m.	Yingchow
Siberia	2.30 p.m.	Hydrangea
Swatow		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th Mar. and Europe via Siberia. Parcel (Feb. 25) 5 p.m. Registration (Feb. 25) 5 p.m. Letters (Feb. 25) 8.30 a.m.		President Pierce

ENGLAND TO NANKING FLIGHT TO BEGIN SHORTLY

CHINESE AIRMEN IN 2-SEATER AEROPLANE
ONE OF FOURTEEN ORDERED

London, Yesterday.
Two Chinese aviators, Commander Yu Dfau(?) and Mr. Wen Liu-tschien, are to leave London shortly on a Cirrus Avian two-seater light plane for Nanking, the national capital of China.
This will be the first attempt to fly a British aeroplane from England to China.
The machine is one of fourteen ordered by China from Britain. The wings will be fitted with safety slots.—Reuter.

VETERAN SOLDIER

GENERAL SIR JOHN MAXWELL, D.S.O.
D EATH IN CAPE TOWN

London, Yesterday.
General Sir John Maxwell has died at Capetown of pneumonia. He commanded the British forces in Egypt for the first two years of the Great War and was Commander-in-Chief in Ireland during the troublous days of 1916.—British Wireless Service.

[General Sir John Maxwell, D.S.O., K.C.M.G., &c., was born in 1859. He was educated at Cheltenham College and joined the 42nd Highlanders in 1879, was Lieut. Royal Highlanders, 1881; Capt. 1887; served in Egyptian War of 1882 with 1st Batt. of Black Watch, and was present at Battle of Tel-el-Khbir (medal with clasp, and Khedive's star); served in Nile Expedition 1884-85 as Staff-Captain (mentioned in despatches, clasp); served with Egyptian Frontier Field Force, 1885-86, as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General, and was present in engagement at Ginnis (D.S.O.); also took part in engagement at Gemaisah, 1888 (Brevet-Major, 3rd class Medal); Dongola, 1896 (mentioned in despatches, made Brevet Lt.-Col.); commanded 2nd Egyptian Brigade at Battle of Omdurman; commanded 14th Brigade, South Africa, 1900-1901; Military Governor, Pretoria, 1900-1 (despatches twice, Queen's medal 3 classes, King's medal 3 classes, K.C.B., C.M.G.); Chief Staff Officer, 3rd Army Corps, 1902-3; commanding the Force in Egypt, 1908-12 and 1914-15; served European War, 1914-15 (K.C.M.G.); Commander-in-Chief, Ireland, 1918 (G.C.B.); Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, 1919-1921; a Member of Lord Milner's Mission to Egypt, 1920; retired pay, 1922; Grand Officer Legion of Honour; Grand Cross Order of the Nile, 1916; Grand Cross White Eagle of Russia; Grand Cross Crown of Italy. General Maxwell married, in 1892, Miss Louise Selma Bonnyne.]

S.S. "KWANGTAN"

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Chinese police yesterday raided the China Merchants S.N. Co.'s s.s. "Kwangtan" before departure for Canton and arrested a gang of 16 kidnappers and released 24 children.
It is believed that the gang has been responsible for scores of abductions.—Reuter.

The establishment of an Arbitration Committee to deal with minor financial matters is being urged among the Russian community, those promoting it regretting the unfavourable publicity attached to proceedings in the Provisional Court and the French Mixed Court, Shanghai.

THE SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION UNDER SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON

THE "DISCOVERY"
Canberra, Yesterday.
Mr. S. M. Bruce has announced in the House of Representatives that the Government has decided to organise an expedition to the Antarctic under the leadership of Sir Douglas Mawson. It will probably sail at the end of the year.
The expedition will explore the Australian sector of the Antarctic between Ross Sea and Enderby Land, investigate economic resources and carry out a hydrographic survey. Aeroplanes will be used to investigate the commercial possibilities of whaling.
The British Government has placed Captain Scott's famous ship, "Discovery," now in service in the Falklands, at the disposal of the expedition gratis. The cost of the expedition is estimated at £16,000, of which New Zealand has offered to contribute £2,500. The British and New Zealand Governments have been invited to nominate representatives for the scientific personnel.—Reuter.

Byrd's Claim for United States
New York, Yesterday.
The discovery of vast new Antarctic territory which he has claimed for the United States, is described by Commander Byrd in a despatch to the "New York Times."

The territory which was discovered by two aeroplanes after an extensive flight, has been named Marie Byrd Land after the explorer's wife. Byrd also claims to have discovered a second new mountain range with peaks rising to 10,000 feet, situated in Marie Byrd Land between Ross Sea and Graham Land and outside British territory. The range lies east and south of the first range recently discovered by Byrd and named the Rockefeller Range, which is in New Zealand territory.

About 40,000 square miles of the Antarctic has been explored by air by the Byrd expedition.
Byrd's aeroplanes in their last flight mapped the Rockefeller Range with an aero camera, while Captain Ashley McKinley of the Army Air Service mapped the uncharted coastline east of the Bay.

Exploring the Interior
Dr. Isaiah Bowman, Director of the National Geographical Society, commenting on Byrd's discoveries, says he seems now definitely to have begun the big job of exploring the interior of the Antarctic. The results of the flight just concluded may be regarded as forecasting the eventual success of his programme either this year or next, when longer flights will be undertaken now that the "breaking in" period of aeroplane exploration has been finished.—Reuter's American Service.

The "Discovery"
A British Wireless message states:—The famous ship "Discovery" has been placed at the disposal of Sir Douglas Mawson by the British Government for the Antarctic Expedition, which he is to lead. This three-masted auxiliary barque was used by Scott for his first antarctic expedition.

Mawson's expedition, which the Australian Commonwealth Government is equipping and which a number of British scientists have been invited to form, will leave

JULIAN PETROLEUM FRAUD CASES

LAWYER SENTENCED
TERM DEPENDS ON BEHAVIOUR IN PRISON

HEAD KEEPER'S WARNING
Los Angeles, Yesterday.
Convicted with two co-defendants on a charge of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the Julian petroleum fraud cases, ex-District Attorney Keyes has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term ranging from one to 14 years, according to his behaviour in prison.
The head keeper of the San Quentin Penitentiary says that half the inmates were sent there as the result of Keyes's efforts, and if Keyes himself serves a term he must be isolated for his own protection.—Reuter's American Service.

CHINA AND JAPAN

DR. WANG & MR. YOSHIZAWA TO RESUME

A FINAL CONFERENCE?

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Commenting on Press reports of to-morrow's meeting between Mr. K. Yoshizawa (Japanese Minister to China) and Dr. C. T. Wang (China's Foreign Minister), an official Japanese spokesman stated that the Government had slightly modified its original instructions to Mr. Yoshizawa but was unable to consider a fundamental change as it had now gone as far as it was able to meet Nanking's wishes.
Regardless of Outcome
Shanghai, Yesterday.
The "Evening News" quoting Japanese reports, states that a "final conference, which will terminate the Sino-Japanese negotiations regardless of its outcome," will be held between Mr. Yoshizawa and Dr. Wang upon the latter's return from Nanking. If there be no settlement reached at the conference, Mr. Yoshizawa will return to Peking.
Chinese circles state that this conference has been requested by Mr. Yoshizawa.

Shanghai, To-day.
The important outstanding issues between Tokyo and Nanking remain unsettled and there has been no resumption of negotiations.—Reuter.

TAX TRANSFERS

BILL PASSED BY JAPANESE DIET

Tokyo, To-day.
The Tax Transfer Bill, which is one of the Japanese Government's main planks, passed the Lower House of the Diet by the narrow margin of fifteen votes.—Reuter.

Influenza has broken out in Madrid, Saragossa, Barcelona, and Melilla (Spanish Africa), there being thousands of cases in each town.

Hobart, Tasmania, at the beginning of the next Australian summer.
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